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JHU investment criticized

Human rights and environmental abuses under attack

BY RICHARD MALISH
Special to the News-Letter

On Tuesday, April 7, the School of Public Health hosted a roundtable discussion called "The Price of Oil," focusing on health, human rights and environmental abuses of the Ogoni people in Nigeria and the role Shell Oil plays in these abuses. The roundtable is part of an ongoing dialogue that has made many Homewood campus organizations question Hopkins' investments in Shell Oil.

The panel included Dr. Robert Lawrence from the School of Public Health, Stephen Mills of the Sierra Club, Deborah Robinson of the World Council of Churches, and Dr. Owens Wiwa, exiled physician from Nigeria and brother of the slain protestor Ken Saro-Wiwa. Royal Dutch Petroleum and its subsidiary companies, Shell USA and Shell Nigeria, refused an invitation to be represented on the panel.

The panel stressed the health, and concurrent environmental concerns, plaguing the Ogoni. These people inhabit an area rich in oil, which Shell Oil has drilled \$30 billion worth since 1958. Shell's operations have been subject to hundreds of separate oil spills and by its own accounts admits to 3000 polluted sites. Shell has also admitted to flaring high levels of natural gas resulting in acid rain.

According to speakers at the roundtable, the Ogoni people suffer from diarrhea, headaches, coughing blood, respiratory infection, increased infant mortality and a forty-six year life expectancy that is six years less than the average Nigerian. Shell Oil moved out of the region in 1993, though its pipes continue to leak oil and the Ogoni are still dealing with high-level toxins in their drinking water and fishing grounds.

Public health is also at risk as the military regime, fearful of losing foreign oil investment, has violently suppressed the Ogoni's non-violent protest. According to World Council of Churches findings, the government has perpetrated torture, killings, and has condoned rape against the Ogoni people.

Shell's official stance is that many of the oil spills were caused by sabotage. Also, ninety percent of the income from Ogoniland oil is put back into Ogoniland. According to their official statement, Shell regrets the

violence that has plagued the region and asks for the incidents to be placed in the past. Dr. Wiwa responded that much of the money is funneled into the military dictatorship or into low priority projects, such as the painting of a hospital.

All of the members of the roundtable urged Shell to place pressure on the Nigerian government to stop the violent suppression of Ogoni people, clean up the oil that continues to spill out of Shell pipes, and compensate the people of Ogoniland for the mass destruction of their land. As fifty percent of Ogoniland oil is shipped to the United States, Stephen Mills urged consumers to cut up and send back Shell credit cards and boycott Shell gasoline.

Many Homewood campus organizations are beginning to call for similar resolutions. The cause for such activism is prompted by Johns Hopkins investment in Royal Dutch Shell, the parent company of both Shell USA and Shell Nigeria. Allan Massie, a member of Hopkins' Amnesty International chapter, is "shocked [Hopkins] owns stock in Shell when they have a committee devoted to examining human rights issues. It is unconscionable for them to profit from Shell Oil." Along with Amnesty, the Black Student Union, Students for Environmental Action and the African Students Association

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DOUG HOUSMAN/NEWS-LETTER STAFF
Bill Northington and Jessie Crain are gearing up for Spring Fair, which is scheduled for April 17-19.

Stage is set for JHU's Odyssey '98 festivities

BY DIMITRI VARMAZIS
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This year Spring Fair, Odyssey '98, centers around a Classical theme.

The fair is chaired by seniors Jessie Crain and Bill Northington.

Many events are planned for the weekend-long festival of bands, food and activities. The Fair will begin April 15 at 8 p.m. when comedian Harvey Fierstein, featured in *Mrs. Doubtfire* and *Independence Day*, performs in

Shriver Hall.

Tickets are \$7 per person.

The following day at 8 p.m., the band Letters to Cleo will be playing in Shriver Hall as well. In this case, tickets will be \$8.

Other musicians are also featured at the Fair; The Allstonians and Bim Skala Bim will be playing on April 18 at 9 p.m. in Levering. Door charge will be \$5.

Additionally, daytime entertainment in front of Gilman and Shriver

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JHU in a "state of drift," faculty say

BY WAQAR HASIB
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A proposed resolution at a recent faculty meeting severely criticized the Hopkins administration for leading the university into "a state of drift." The resolution was withdrawn before it could be voted on, and was never passed.

Nevertheless, its contents reveal that at least some members of the faculty are discontent with the administration. The proposal, dated February 23, 1998, and addressed to the Faculty Assembly at large, said that the Homewood campus lacks "a clear sense of priorities" and an "effective strategy for building faculty excellence."

The faculty member or members who issued the resolution remain unidentified. Professor Nicholas Jones, chairman of the Faculty Steering Committee, explained that any faculty member could add a proposal to the agenda of a faculty meeting. However, since the proposal in question was raised at a closed faculty meeting, he said that revealing the author's identity would be "a breach of confidence." He added that it could have been supported by "two, four or even fifty four" faculty members.

Jones emphasized that at a large university there would always be faculty who disagreed with administration policies.

"That's one of the things that's wonderful about an open university—people have opinions," he said.

The *News-Letter* obtained a copy of the withdrawn resolution. Among its several complaints, it argues that the university's "lack of direction is a reflection of inadequate administrative leadership caused or characterized by the ill-advised conflation of the authority of dean and provost." Provost Steven Knapp declined to comment, other than reiterating that the resolution was withdrawn.

The resolution continued with the topic of ineffective leadership, citing a "failure to respond adequately to departmental efforts to retain faculty and the failure to appoint an independent and fully empowered Dean in Arts and Sciences."

The resolution also accused the administration of "undermining or failing to recognize the autonomy and professional judgments of academic departments." The university has lost several prominent professors in recent months, including renowned author Mark Crispin Miller of the Writing Seminars department, who left after a dispute over expanding the nonfiction program in his department. Miller was quoted in the December 5th *News-Letter* saying "[this]

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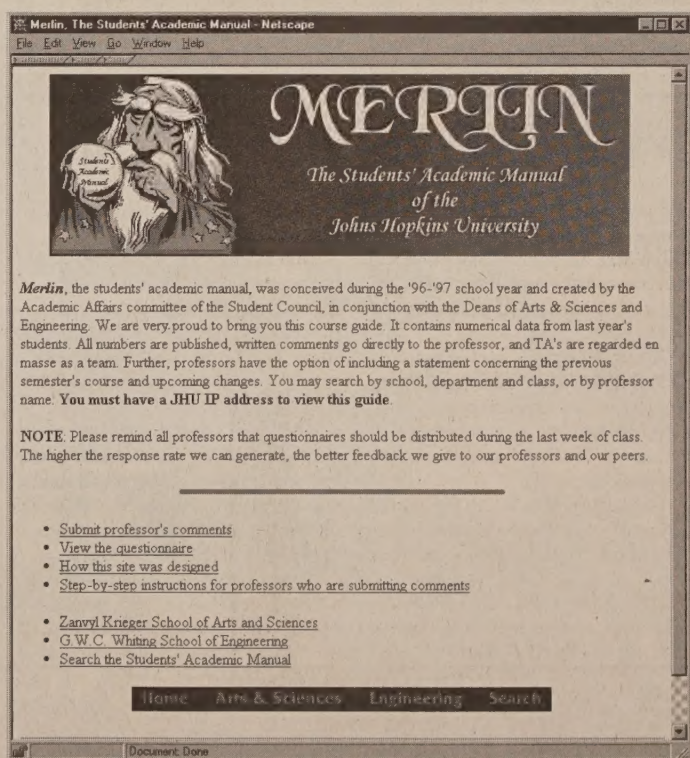
Merlin guide goes "cybersonic"

BY KEN SHIMADA
News-Letter Staff

Do you know what courses to take next semester? If you are not exactly sure you might want to check out Merlin. Merlin, the student's academic manual (<http://www.jhu.edu/Merlin>), contains information from whether students thought the course had too much homework to whether the course made you a better student.

Merlin, the new undergraduate course guide, was conceived during the '96-'97 school year and created by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Council, in conjunction with the Deans of Arts & Sciences and Engineering. The web page became available on November 1, 1997.

The evaluation questionnaire students are asked to fill out at the end of each semester contains about twenty-six questions. Students can answer with choices such as, 5-strongly agree, 3-neutral, 1-strongly disagree, and N/A. The survey asks questions such as if the quality of reading and/or text was high, if the course made you a better student, if the professor is deserving of a teaching award, and so on. Students can also add comments on how the course could be improved, on specific things they enjoyed and disliked and on almost



anything else about the course.

According to Bill Leslie, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, the essential change made this

semester is that now Merlin is not a paper-based but an electronic course guide. Professors don't have to pass out the form on the last day of class

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Film society brings festival to Johns Hopkins

BY MICHAEL B. MILLER
News-Letter Staff

The Johns Hopkins University Film Society will be bringing the drama of independent film to JHU when it hosts the first ever Johns Hopkins Film Festival during Spring Fair weekend, April 16-19. The festival kicks off at the Baltimore Museum of Art at 7:00 p.m. with *I Went Down*, a favorite at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival that will be in theaters later this year.

Teddy Chao, one of the coordinators of the festival, said that the festival was inspired by the Mansion Theater's MicroCineFest in October 1997. Chao said that they immediately "realized the potential of the Baltimore community to support an independent film festival. We realized that as the Johns Hopkins Film Society, we have access to wonderful venues like the Shriver Hall theater, the Johns Hopkins name and the Johns Hopkins community."

The film society also publishes *Frame of Reference* magazine. The event was also coordinated by Tasha Brown, the Film and Media Studies coordinator, Gil Jawetz, a Hopkins graduate, is the director of the event. Events will take place in Shriver Hall and Gilman Hall as well as at the BMA. The event is completely free to Hopkins students, though it costs three dollars per event for non-Hopkins students.

About 92 entries were received from all over the world for the film festival. All of the films are professional productions that have not been picked up by major distributors. For

six of the features, the filmmaker is scheduled to attend the screening. Of particular interest, in addition to *I Went Down*, is *The Broken Giant*, which features John Glover, a Tony award-winning author who grew up in Baltimore. By Any Means Necessary, showing Saturday, April 18 at 3:00 in Gilman, is making its debut in the United States at the film festival. The movie is a documentary discussing Afro-centrism and the reparations movement. It features interviews and appearance by KRS-1. *Eat Me!*, a comedy produced in Maryland will be making its world premiere on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in Shriver Hall.

"The city and the community need something like this to support all the independent filmmakers out there," Chao said.

Annual Phi Beta Kappa selections announced

News-Letter Staff

"The following students have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa..." The annual induction of new members will take place on May 20. Juniors elected to the Society generally rank around the top 2 percent of their class, while

seniors rank in the top 10-15 percent. The nomination committee selects students based on their outstanding intellectual achievement in addition to a high cumulative average.

From the Junior Class in the School of Arts and Sciences: Homaa Ahmad, Justin Richard Bailey, Robert Scott Hoy, Grace Jewel Kim, Marcus J.Y. Ko, David Krug, Yang David Lee, Amy Marie Mason, Jamie Aileen Masone, John Kent Northrop, Lisa Marie Tibor, Rebecca E. Zarutskie, Karl Zheng

From the Junior Class in the School of Engineering: Christopher William Niedt

From the Senior Class in the School of Arts and Sciences: Gianna Marianna Abruzzo, Rehana Leila Ahmed, Joshua David Amoss, Rishi G. Anand, Jonathan Wade Bress, Heather Ann Brock, Heather Ann Bruce, Jeffrey Kenneth Burns, Ellery Ernst Canlas, Stephanie Nicole Carrick, Robert Colin Carter, Dohyoon Cha, Michael D. Chan, Ratasit Charutrakulchai, Fifi Cheng,

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Health and wellness questionnaire distributed to undergraduates

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Education for Health and Wellness distributed a Core Alcohol and Drug Survey to a sample of 1000 Hopkins undergraduate students several weeks ago. They randomly chose a sample of 250 students from each year.

The motivation for the survey stemmed from the Beach Committee formed last year regarding safety on the Beach. Dean Benedict expanded the Beach Committee, naming an Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force to examine the current policies in existence at Hopkins. This Committee was to look at what is being done for programming and education of Hopkins students regarding alcohol and other drugs, as well as to look at how alcohol and other drugs are used on campus.

The way to look at the use of the substances on campus was through the survey. "Are our educational programs effective?" asked Dr. Martin. This is what the survey will indicate through the baseline data that is received. The survey will also enable them to find out more about issues relating to students. A survey, created by Hopkins, was administered in 1989, initially.

This Core Alcohol and Drug Sur-

vey allows for baseline data for Hopkins that can be compared to other schools. It gives normed data that will enable Hopkins to look at itself in relation to other schools for a lot of different variables, including school size, geographic location, length of programs (i.e. four year college) and many other things.

Martin commented, "We really want to use this as an educational tool. What do our students need to know that is educational that will help them make the right decisions?" Questions in the survey include general things such as age, ethnicity and cumulative GPA.

The survey also asks about age of first use of certain substances, how often the substances are used by the student answering the survey as well as what he thinks about the use by the average student on this campus. It asks family history of substance abuse, amount of time spent volunteering, as well as things such as how much students care about certain issues and the potential of risk from certain behaviors.

The survey is comprehensive because it asks the student about his knowledge of certain substances with relation to themselves, their peers and the actual affects of them.

From the data received from these

surveys, the Education for Health and Wellness Center is going to attempt to establish ways to entertain students better and continue things that are going well. Most likely, the results of the survey will be shared with the campus in the fall. Until then, the Center will look at areas of education that are needed. The results will be provided to show students how many students do not even drink, as a method of social marketing.

According to Martin, "You hear the extreme, but often you don't know what the norm is." She continued, saying that the message might even be not to buy into the myths that everyone goes to fraternity parties and gets drunk.

"It's okay not to be abusive," she added. "The goal is to give people a better idea of what is going on. If there's a lot of something going on, everyone needs to know." According to Martin, the six dimensions of wellness are the physical, social, emotional, spiritual, intellectual and occupational or career.

"We want people to develop their intellect through academics. But it hasn't been a good investment if you're not taking care of the rest," she concluded discussing the interrelationship of substance abuse with wellness.

Students go into streets with HOPE



PHOTO COURTESY OF CIRCLE K

Some students involved with Project HOPE spent the day of service working in a soup kitchen. Other activities of the day included working with elementary school children and assisting AIDS patients.

BY GRETCHEN V. PORTER
News-Letter Staff

Around 250 Hopkins students spent Saturday morning, April 4 by bringing HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere) to the surrounding Baltimore areas.

With key sponsors including Former Governor William Schaefer's Office, Circle K, Hands for the Homeless and Marriott services, the project covered almost every area of community service within eight hours.

The student-run project has already been considered a JHU tradition since its debut last year.

"It's really just a few hours of your time, but when a lot of people get together, it's amazing how much you get accomplished," remarked cochair Bulbul Sanwal.

HOPE offered a variety of community-service options, from elementary school tutoring to working with AIDS patients.

"I've never worked with AIDS patients before. I knew it was going to be a good experience—different," said

sophomore Era Hanspal who participated in the project in conjunction with Circle K.

The unique appeal of HOPE is the fact that it offers a wide span of options and a relatively short-term time commitment.

"This year's HOPE was the same as last year's except that there was a lot more administrative support," Sanwal added.

The participants included students who may have come as a part of a community service group, some represented cultural groups, Greek societies and still others came as individuals.

Many helped, and some feel that if the weather had cooperated, there would have been more people.

"I just wished that everyone who signed up to do the project actually came.

We had about 350 sign up but only around 250 came—probably because it was cold and rainy," Sanwal added.

Students who raised the most money were to receive gift certificates from sponsors such as the Hair

Cutlery, B & M Books and a number of restaurants including Bennigan's and Bombay Grill, among other businesses.

The service day was simple: The participating students met at Levering where they grabbed breakfast, courtesy of Sam's Bagels and dispersed into their respective pre-signed work-sites.

Such sites included the Thomas Hayes Elementary School, an AIDS clinic, the Maryland Food Bank, the Kennedy Krieger Institute, Ronald McDonald House and the Good Shepherd Therapeutic Center.

"A lot of places wanted us to clean more than they wanted us to interact with people, but that's okay since the act shows them that you care," one senior participant said.

The students performed a variety of tasks including separating clothing, making sandwiches, potting seedlings, cooking, general cleaning, home-building, playing with kids, holding Easter egg hunts and talking with senior citizens.

"Everyone who came said they had a great time when it was all over—that's all we wanted anyway, for people to have fun while they're helping out," another participant added.

The HOPE committee also mentioned that things may not have been as successful without the help of Wendy Brody, the wife of university President William Brody.

She wrote hundreds of letters to administrative people asking them to either participate or at least sponsor a project participant."

Sanwal added, "A lot of students and faculty worked hard on this..."

Because of such efforts, HOPE has already raised over \$700.

More is expected as some corporate businesses and students continue to turn in pledged money.

If student participation and administrative support continue, HOPE may not only thrive, but extend its areas of help.

Ralph Johnson speaks to Council

BY JOHN HILLERY
News-Letter Staff

During its April 8 meeting, Council received a presentation from Dr. Ralph Johnson, who spoke to encourage participation in the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon on April 26.

Parag Parekh, chair of the Committee on Leadership Appointments,

presented Shilpa Patel for approval as director of the Hopkins Organization for Programming (HOP). Council voted to approve her by a vote of 17 to 6. During debate, executive treasurer Brian Weinthal expressed concern that Patel "doesn't have the programming experience necessary to run HOP." Other Council members expressed support for and confidence

in the choice of Patel.

The Council also wrangled with changes to the HOP constitution, involving its organizational structure. In another item of new business, Bob Mittendorf presented a resolution on student representation on the Academic Council.

Results of the Student Council elections were also announced.

Faculty raises questions

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ment. Miller was quoted in the December 5 News-Letter saying "[this] place is adrift my own view is that our leadership is inexperienced."

Professor Stephen Dixon of The Writing Seminars said that he supported the Provost because he feels that "[Knapp] is doing a good job."

The resolution criticized the administration for failing to involve the faculty when making critical, university-wide decisions. This creates, it says, an "impression of favoritism."

"After-the-fact self-justification does not constitute effective communication or consultation [with the faculty]."

In the minutes of a faculty meeting held on December 15, 1997, Provost Knapp addressed the question of direction and leadership in the School of Arts and Sciences. Knapp admitted that the School was going through a period of transition, but that actions had been taken to ensure stability and continuity. He cited "an aggressive strategy of both replacing and anticipating retirements" in the History department, as well as senior appointments in the Economics, Sociology and Anthropology departments.

According to the minutes of the meeting, Knapp also said that he turned down an offer to become chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley because Hopkins is "poised to reach a new level of extraordinary excellence."

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Hopkins' investments cause some to worry

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tion have begun to involve their members in the move to divest from Royal Dutch.

Petitions initiated by the BSU have been circulating and calls have been made to representatives of Hopkins' Public Interest Investment Advisory Committee (PIIAC). Sophomore Ian Schuler, PIIAC's Homewood representative, points out that the Committee has already drafted a letter of protest to a company doing business in Burma, a country controlled by a brutal military junta. Schuler believes that, "If the Committee sees comparable situations with its holdings in companies in Nigeria, similar actions will be taken."

From there it is up to the Board of Trustees to make the final decision on divestment. According to the view of most people at Hopkins is that we can make the biggest impact by staying engaged in Royal Dutch Shell, but recommends that, "Investors make a statement by divesting from companies that make a profit by destroying other people's cultures."

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For Odyssey '98 the time is drawing near



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on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. will feature assorted local bands like Gumbo Junkyard and Checkered Cabs.

Crain listed other major events. "Friday at noon will be opening ceremonies, kicking off with a small parade from the Freshman Quad. We will have a Dixieland Band marching over to the Shriver steps

where Bill and I will light the 'Spring Fair flame,' like the Olympics, and give a short speech. Then the Balto Steel Drum band will play for a few hours.

"We have a petting zoo and animal rides in the Especially for Kids section on Garland Field.

"We also have the usual assortment of food vendors, arts and crafts vendors and nonprofit informational booths."

Athletically-oriented activities are planned as well. In keeping with this year's Greek theme, the events all have an Olympic slant.

Saturday afternoon will be the Fair Games on the Beach, where prizes will be awarded. Four-person teams can register for \$20 per team.

Over the next week there will be tennis games as part of the Spring Fair Tennis Tournament.

Sign-ups are in the Spring Fair office in Merryman.

Merlin changes its ways

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any more, but instead they will receive nothing but a letter explaining that the course guide is now electronic so that students can fill out the identical form to the old one on the web.

"There won't be any papers, and there won't be any waste of class time as you sit around and a professor impatiently walks around waiting to collect the form," said Leslie. However, this change applies only to Arts & Sciences courses, and not to Engineering courses. He continued, "They [the School of Engineering] are not yet prepared to go all electronic. They are watching us to see if it works, but I expect that engineering students will give the largest number of responses because they must be most comfortable with computers."

After the transition to the electronic version, students can wait until after final exams and then fill out the form. The electronic survey also saves the university about \$5,000 in copying cost and in hiring people to

tabulate the form and to enter forms into database. Professors and instructors can get feedback immediately.

One drawback to the new electronic system may be that the number of responses may possibly drop significantly.

Leslie, admitting the drawback, said, "We'll advertise to encourage students to fill out the forms. It's really easy. I did it myself on a trial version, and it took only fifteen minutes." With the paper forms, the amount of collected feedback was 75-80 percent. Now Leslie is aiming for a third of the students to respond.

In a statistical test conducted with both paper and electronic versions last semester, there was no significant response rate between the paper and electronic surveys. Leslie believes that one third of the population is enough to give accurate indication of what the course is like.

The electronic questionnaire form will be up on Merlin's homepage on April 27 and close after the last day of finals, May 15.

Students earn academic accolades

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Sung Hwan Chi, Robert Kaida Chin, Christopher Louis Ciarallo, Julie Ann Cilia, Joshua Reuben Cohen, Odelia Zand Cooper, Daniel Andrew Counsell, Nicole N. Davarpanah, Jimmy Diep, Jill Ann Donnelly, John Charles Dunlop, David Kim Duong, Evan David Ellis, Richard Oscar Francis, Douglas Matthew Franz, Steven Carl Friend, Mollie Kathleen Galloway, Nipa Dilip Gandhi, Daniel Seth Gilson, Kimberly Anne Gilman, Yohan Gohng, Joshua Mark Greenberg, Elizabeth Anne Greene, Jeffrey Adam Gusenoff, Ben Minghung Hsu, Mansoor Ali Husain, Daniel Woo Hwang, Yoshio Inoue, Parham Jaber, Jessica Irene Kenyon, Huyi Jin Kim, James Seoung-Jin Kim, Sun Woo Kim, Richard Har Ko, Bradley Todd Kovach, Catharine Astromelia Kral, Loretta Eve Kuo, Eric H. Kwon, Byron Hing Lee, Jimmy Kyung Lee, Danielle Kimberly Lendino, Anna Eileen Li, Kuei-Cheng Lim, Laura Allison Lisy, Yuan Liu, Kirtie Lo, Jason Bernard Lowe, Robert Rhett Lu, Erin Marie McFeely, Yasmin Mehra, Paul Francis Narain, Tricia Doris Oglesby, Parag

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From the Senior Class of 1997: Jack Jen-Chieh Hwang, Kimberly Ellen Liu

From the Graduate School in

Arts and Sciences: Gregory Emmanuel Demas, James Frederick Kolonay Jr.

M.D. Candidates from the School of Medicine: Neil Craig Evans, James Francis Weller

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From the Senior Class in the School of Arts & Sciences — Elected in 1996: Adriana Izquierdo, Yang Sun, Tony Suchai Wanich

The 1998 Johns Hopkins Film Festival

THURSDAY APRIL 16

BMA:

7 p.m. I Went Down

FRIDAY APRIL 17

Shriver Hall:

7 p.m. The Broken Giant
9:30 p.m. Shorts Program

SATURDAY APRIL 18

Gilman Hall:

12 p.m. Miss India Georgia
3 p.m. By Any Means Necessary
6 p.m. Out of the Loop

Shriver Hall:

5 p.m. Shorts Program
8 p.m. Eat Me!

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6:30 p.m. If You Lived Here You Would Be Home Now
9:30 p.m. Wallace's Line

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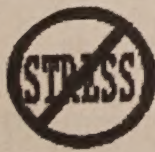
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They look, but they don't touch

CNDE inspects things so you don't have to

BY RACHEL SAMS
News-Letter Staff

They look like hollow building blocks, with small round spheres marking the corners and slender rods forming the sides. These aren't mutant Legos, however, they're models of the 14 basic crystalline structures.

These colorful plastic models atop the tall bookshelves immediately catch and hold the visitor's eye in the office of Robert Green, director of Hopkins' Center for Nondestructive Evaluation.

The models serve as visual illustrations of the kind of work CNDE does. Nondestructive evaluation involves testing various kinds of materials for strength and safety without harming the materials themselves. CNDE projects frequently involve inspecting crystalline substances, such as metals, for defects.

"There are only two centers like this in the United States," Green says with a laugh, "so that makes us either No. 1 or No. 2." The other NDE center is located at Iowa State University.

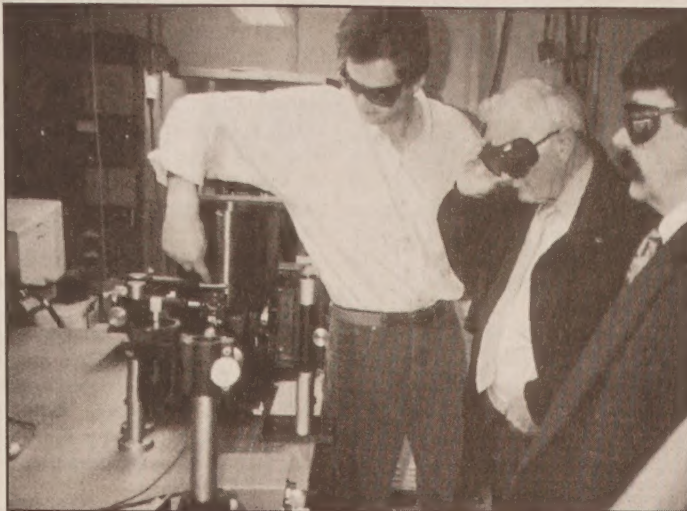
CNDE was established at Hopkins in 1984. Its sponsors include government offices and businesses from Boeing to the Naval Research Laboratory.

Green and associate director Boro Djordjevic are the focal points for a network of Hopkins professors and students from various departments working with CNDE. The center's work involves techniques from fields as varied as applied physics, artificial intelligence, biomedical engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, electronics, materials science and engineering, mechanical engineering and structural engineering.

"We develop techniques to measure [materials] without changing their properties," said Green. "We use techniques like X-rays, ultrasonics, thermal and infrared imaging, and lasers."

At any given time, CNDE has nearly a hundred projects going on. Recently, Green has been working on a project that tests metal crystals for defects. The metal crystals are used in turbine blades for jet engines.

CNDE has also been working on ways to test recently developed materials for defects. New lightweight, porous metals and "composite materials" made of carbon fibers stacked atop one another have recently become popular in engineering.



CNDE graduate student Tobias Berndt (left) evaluates something non-destructively for representatives of the Naval Research Lab and Boeing.

However, scientists don't know much about the safety of these materials. That's where CNDE comes in.

"We're trying to develop ways to see how well these materials are made," said Green. CNDE is working on an ultrasound scanning system to test the safety of composite materials, as well as a CAT scan system to test the safety of lightweight metals.

CNDE works closely not only with the School of Engineering, but also with Johns Hopkins Hospital, primarily the radiology department. "We're like the medical profession, without cutting people," Green laughed. "We use X-rays to perform tests on things without harming them."

"We're like the medical profession, without cutting people."

ROBERT GREEN, DIRECTOR

Another CNDE project tests hip implants for their resistance to wear and tear. Hip implants consist of a silver pin that fits into a plastic socket. Over time, friction can build up between the pin and the socket, causing the hip implant to wear out.

"We test different implants by putting them in a compression machine and grinding them around like a hip moves," Green said. "We can see which implants have the worst friction wear, and which

ones will last longest, so people don't have to get replacement implants so soon."

Green says the center has a twofold mission—to assist anyone at Hopkins interested in nondestructive evaluation work, and to train students in NDE techniques.

"We train more graduate students in this area than any other university in the world," Green says with pride. He estimates that CNDE employs about 30 graduate students from various university departments.

Undergraduates work for the Center as well, often paired with graduate students. "For the undergraduates, we often have a lot of senior projects, summer students and part-time students getting their training," said Associate Director Boro Djordjevic. "They learn additional skills that can help them get better jobs in high-tech industry, and they have an opportunity to meet other people with similar interests."

Undergraduates or graduate students interested in working with CNDE apply through their individual departments.

Fourth-year graduate student Tobias Berndt says he got involved with CNDE by coincidence. "My background is in experimental physics, and NDE has a lot to do with experimental physics and applied physics," he said. "You do a little bit of everything."

Berndt's work involves using ultrasound scanning to inspect the adhesive properties of materials without breaking them apart. He summed up his work in the field of nondestructive evaluation by saying, "The name of the game is always look, but don't touch."

On a more serious note, the Chickclick women do address some very important issues facing a wide range of women today. Heather opens up and shares her real life experience about being drugged by roommates at a frat party. Annie, a vegetarian purist, writes about her life with depression and how prozac has helped. There is even a "Disgruntled Housewife" site nested in this haven of girl-power.

Even though this site is very feminist, guys can have fun here as long as they are over 18, if you know what I mean.

All in all, I wouldn't recommend Chickclicks for much more than a distraction from your studies, although I have to admit that it does teasingly tickle me in that swanky little spot of my soul. So, when you need a little break from the rigid Hopkins environment, visit www.chickclicks.com. Try it; you'll like it—I mean, you'll like it!

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JESSICA LIBERTINI

Website of the Week

A few weeks ago, I wrote about an on-line College Jeopardy game, bemoaning the fact that they'd tried to buy our enthusiasm with free stuff. Then, this week, another site sent us a big envelope full of lots of cool free stuff. So, the hell with journalistic ethics. I'm graduating anyway. Send me free stuff and I'll write about your site.

Oh, and this week, we're featuring a guest columnist because I didn't think I could do the site justice, having a penis and all. Read on, and you'll understand. -J.G.

It was a typical Tuesday evening at the News-Letter office, when a rather lumpy package arrived. The parcel contained only a piece of paper, some stickers and two baby T-shirts; all of which advertised www.chickclick.com. I have to admit that I was a little curious, so one T-shirt richer I went home, loaded up Netscape, and visited one of the most interesting sites that I have ever seen!

Chickclick is an individually run collection of "girl sites that don't fake it." With sites from how to dump that loser man of yours to a support group for female disk-jockeys, an evening at Chickclick will hardly be boring.

On the opening page of this in-your-face girl-power-plant, I was visually accosted by a freaky looking chick with a face so puckered that, had I not remembered it was only a web site, I would have sworn she was coming in for a lip landing! After recovering from this eyesore, I decided to check out the "pix and bios" of the wonder women behind the scenes.

It was no surprise to see that the women responsible for this mad collection of feminism appeared to be, shall we say, VERY friendly. In their "Elements," Heidi and Heather write things that every girl is dying to know.

These exciting topics include, but I only wish they were limited to, the number of fake boobs in the Miss USA pageant, the life of a chronic nosebleeder and bikini waxing in the 90s.

Just like the rest of Chickclick, there is a curiously clever mixture of tasteful, tasteless, tactful and tactless.



Look at the free stickers we got!



Research indicates aging pets suffer decline in immune systems

Like their owners, pets suffer from deteriorating immune systems as they age, but a good diet can slow the process, researchers say.

"The best studies done on the relationship between nutrition and the immune system have so far been focused on humans," said Dr. Jean Hall, an assistant professor of veterinary medicine at Oregon State University.

"But the more we learn about pets and other animals, the more similarities we are finding."

"It's increasingly clear that as pets age their immune response deteriorates, often in the same ways that humans' do, and there are ways that an optimal diet can help."

Biological links observed between nutrition, health and the immune system include:

—Some dogs have been shown to have fewer white blood cells as they age, and other immune changes that appear linked to autoimmune disease and allergies.

—Protein deficiency in animals can cause immune deficiency and lower resistance to infection.

—Inadequate vitamin or trace mineral intake in various species has been linked to impaired antibody formation, lower immune response and greater susceptibility to infection.

—Obesity and consumption of diets high in fat can depress the immune system and increase the risk for serious infectious disease and cancer.

The levels of fatty acids also appear to be a key, and pet foods supplemented with fish oils appear to help resolve some health problems, especially skin disease and arthritis.

"We have one advantage with our pets, of course, that we don't necessarily have with people," Hall said. "We can absolutely control what our dog or cat eats, which is more than you can say with a lot of human patients. And it may also be easier to get the dog to exercise than some couch-potato people."

There are four general categories of pet foods: generic, private label, popularly-advertised brands and premium foods.

The right research may find that any one of these can provide an adequate diet, she said, but generic and lower-cost brands often have not gone through rigorous, controlled feeding tests. They may also contain excess fats or nutrients.

Imagination and creativity reign at annual Rube Goldberg contest

Lara Cox didn't seem to mind that her fiancée was decked out in a bright orange NASA jumpsuit, hopping up and down with excitement because he'd help design the most inefficient way to snooze an alarm clock.

In fact, she seemed quite pleased. Her husband-to-be, Doug Schoenenberger, was part of the group of aerospace engineering students from the University of Texas at Austin that won the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest for the second year in a row.

Saturday's event gets its name from the famous cartoonist who was known for drawing vastly complicated machines that performed simple tasks.

Every year, students from universities across the country pool their talents and imaginations, keeping Goldberg's spirit alive by designing well-oiled models of immense inefficiency.

Six schools were represented, Saturday, at Purdue University, the school that began hosting the event in 1988. About 200 people, mainly wide-eyed kids, came to see science at its silliest.

The purpose of every project in the contest was the same: Hit the snooze button on an alarm clock.

The Texas project was called "Spaceship Goldberg." It followed a Martian theme and went through 40 separate steps before successfully completing its task.

These steps included a bubbling water tower that pushed a float up to trip a lever, a MROUS (Mars Rodent of Unusual Size) trap that whacked a twirling weight and a

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Mars Sojourner Rover that triggered the alarm's eventual demise.

The group estimated that they put more than 1,000 hours into the project. After the winner was announced, the team erupted in celebration.

"We started this in the beginning of January," said Schoenenberger, a 23-year-old senior. "Twice is really nice, though. The competition is tough."

The hometown Purdue team was a big part of the competition. Their "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" theme was highlighted by a bright yellow Purdue Septic Service truck that was pumped full of simulated sewage. The black liquid, which was just water and a mix of food colorings, was a crowd pleaser, though one team member felt it wasn't quite perfect.

"I thought the sewage had a bit too much of a reddish tint," said Mickey Wilson, just after the team's first run. "Oh well, as long as it looks like sewage it ought to do the trick."

Purdue was awarded second place in the competition.

While it may all sound a bit silly, organizers and fans believe there's much to be learned from the event. "It expands imagination," said Chad Goze, the chairman of this year's competition. "It shows an inventive mind and it triggers creativity. Some people will even take videos of the competition with them to job interviews."

Third place went to students from Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., but the trophies clearly weren't everything.

"This was a lot of fun," said Harinda Chopra of Hofstra University, whose team was plagued with problems all day and never got a clean run.

"This just makes us want to go on to the next competition and do better."

Student arrested for alleged e-mail death threat

A high school student has been charged with sending a death threat to a teacher by e-mail, authorities said.

Police said Allan Andersen, 16, has been charged in juvenile court with third-degree harassment in connection with the threat and other messages sent to about 10 school district employees.

Andersen, a sophomore at Iowa City West High School, was released to his parents, who would not comment.

West High English teacher Dale Allender said he believed the threat sent to him was racially motivated. Allender is black; Andersen is white.

Allender said last week that Andersen was not in any of his classes.

Principal Jerry Arganbright would not say whether Andersen would be suspended or if he would be in school this week.

"There will definitely be consequences," Arganbright said. "We'll make sure the consequences reflect the seriousness of the incident."

Arganbright said the e-mail messages were taken seriously.

"It's not a prank by anybody's perception," he said.

The messages were received on March 27. An investigation started a week ago, said Marian Coleman, the school district's equity director.

Coleman said internal investigations usually take about ten days.

"I'm sure there will be sanctions," she said. "The district has to make sure we send the right message about the use of technology so students know this is a very serious matter we will not tolerate."

Police said the messages were written through a free e-mail account that had been taken out under an assumed name.

Arganbright said the school will be looking at ways to increase security in the computer system.

"We'll certainly take another look at it to see if there's anything we can tighten down," he said.

Drive to ban "virtual casinos" finds tough sledding in Congress

Lawmakers who want to ban "virtual casinos" on the Internet are finding some unusual obstacles in their path.

Casino operators and gambling

opponents, normally at loggerheads, both support a federal crack-down on computer-linked gambling.

But interest groups representing the horse-racing industry, Indian tribes, computer businesses and even fantasy baseball leagues have stepped forward with objections, clouding the legislation's future and underscoring the wide reach of both legalized gambling and the Internet.

The horse-racing industry has raised concerns about whether the ban would affect off-track betting. Indian reservations that offer on-line betting are raising tribal sovereignty issues. Fantasy sports leagues are fretting that the ban could curtail their contests.

Software makers and non-casino gambling businesses formed the Committee for Freedom of the Internet and hired a major Washington lobbying firm, Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds.

The offshore Internet companies targeted by the legislation have hired their own lobbyists to push for regulation rather than a ban.

At the very least, the objections have slowed progress of legislation that once appeared headed for clear sailing on Capitol Hill.

"On its face, it looks like good-government, election-year legislation," said Bill Jarrell, a lobbyist at Preston Gates. "But in fact it has a lot of problems and people are starting to poke holes."

Sponsors insist the legislation remains on track.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., the chief Senate sponsor, hopes to bring the measure to a floor vote in several weeks, said his spokesman, Vince Sollitto.

Opponents say their arguments are making headway in the House, where Reps. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., and Frank LoBiondo, R-N.J., are leading the push for the ban.

LoBiondo, whose district includes Atlantic City, said the mounting calls to change the legislation are not a sign of weakness. "The fact that a large number of groups are coming through is a good part of our process," he said.

LoBiondo and other sponsors say the legislation simply updates the decades-old prohibition against interstate gambling. Last month, federal prosecutors twice used the 1961 Wire Act to charge offshore companies with illegally taking bets on professional and college sports.

Kyl's office says the legislation will make sure that the 1961 law covers "virtual" games such as on-line roulette and use of new technology like satellite communication.

"Our objective is to delay the Kyl bill," said Larry Weltman, executive vice president of Gaming Lottery Corp., which is launching an Internet casino site, "GalaxiWorld," that will not be open to U.S. players initially.

Weltman believes the federal government will eventually give up trying to ban Internet gambling and regulate it instead.

By then, he said, "we will have positioned ourselves as a very attractive takeover target" for a casino company.

For now, the casino industry supports a ban on cyber-gambling. Frank Fahrenkopf, president of the American Gaming Association, said casinos might want to enter the market, but not until a regulatory system is in place.

Operators of offshore "virtual casinos" say casino companies favor a ban to stifle competition, a charge Fahrenkopf rejects.

But critics of the proposed ban are making inroads on Capitol Hill with other complaints.

Some are troubled that under the proposed law, Americans sitting at their home computers could break the law by placing bets at a "virtual casino."

Nearly all the estimated 130 active cyber-gambling sites are based outside the United States in places like the Caribbean and Central America, where they operate legally.

Also affected under the bill would be Internet service providers, which could be ordered by law enforcement officials to block customer access to gambling sites. Skeptics say that sounds easy but is a thorny task.

Sponsors are drafting changes to the bill to exempt state lotteries, parimutuel betting on horse races and casinos that allow betting from their hotel rooms.

Some tribes operating under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act want an additional exemption and are pressing their case through Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

Drug cuts breast cancer chances in healthy women

BY PAUL RECER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON—In what health officials called a historic and significant advance, federal researchers said they have definite proof that a drug can effectively prevent breast cancer in women at high risk of the disease, the first ever demonstration of such an effect.

"This is the first imperfect, but very encouraging, step toward finding drugs that prevent a number of different kinds of cancer," said Dr. Richard Klausner, the director of the National Cancer Institute.

Klausner today presented the results of a study which show a drug called tamoxifen is capable of reducing the risk of breast cancer 40 to 50 percent among women at high risk.

"We are now in a position to give women an option. We can now intervene prior to the detection of breast cancer and really reduce a woman's chance of developing the disease," said Leslie Ford, the National Cancer Institute official overseeing the trial.

Government officials acknowledged that the protection came with an increased risk of another type of cancer and of blood clots.

But the research clearly showed, Klausner said, that the benefits for women at high risk in preventing breast cancer outweighed the risk of side effects from taking the drug.

Ford added that any decision to begin treatment should be weighed carefully.

"As with any medication, the decision to begin tamoxifen therapy is a very complex one," she said. "There are no simple answers."

Ford predicted four years ago that if 16,000 women were recruited, tamoxifen would be expected to prevent

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—DR. RICHARD KLAUSNER,

vent 120 to 125 breast cancer cases, while producing 58 to 80 new cases of uterine cancer which is far easier to detect early and cure than breast cancer.

Today, she noted that "none of the risks were anticipated, and none were greater than we thought they might be going into the trial."

The institute mailed letters announcing the breakthrough to the 13,000 women in the United States and Canada who participated in the study, which was first reported Sunday by *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

"This is now the first study in the world to show that a drug can reduce the incidence of breast cancer," the

letter stated.

One of the study's participants, 45-year-old Patricia Lorah of Reading, Pa., lost her mother and grandmother to breast cancer.

The deaths prompted her to take part in one of the largest cancer prevention trials ever.

"I'm just thrilled. Wow!" Lorah said. "This is almost overwhelming."

Tamoxifen, made by Wilmington, Del.-based Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, is widely used to prevent the spread or return of breast cancer.

Women at risk of getting the disease because of family history, precancerous breast lesions or age were randomly assigned to five years on either a placebo pill or tamoxifen.

According to the institute, the drug reduced the rate of expected breast cancers from one in 130 women to one in 236 during the study—a decline of about 45 percent. Tamoxifen slips into estrogen receptors of breast cancer cells and locks up the cells, preventing them from growing and dividing.

Tamoxifen has been associated with increased risks for cancer in the uterine lining and with blood clots in the lungs. Those risks prompted The National Women's Health Network in Washington to criticize the study.

"If this turns out to be a good risk-benefit ratio for some women, that will be good news," said Cindy Pearson, the group's executive director.

But researchers must tell what they know about "the cost of this benefit," she said. "Did any women die of any-

thing caused by tamoxifen?"

In 1994, the study was suspended during congressional hearings into four uterine cancer deaths in another study of breast cancer treatment using tamoxifen.

University of Pittsburgh surgeon Bernard Fisher, coordinator of the study, was investigated for reports that he was slow to address research problems.

That did not prevent women from staying in the study.

"I never considered dropping out. My thoughts were more like, 'Maybe I'll save my child's life and my own and other people's,'" said Fern Maklin, 49, of Newtown, Pa.

Study participants will be tracked for at least two more years.

Researchers still are analyzing the data. Medical recommendations for using tamoxifen to prevent cancer are still being developed, according to the letter.

The women now can go to the 270 medical centers participating in the study to find out whether they were taking tamoxifen or the placebo.

"I'm hoping I was on tamoxifen, but if I was in the placebo arm, I am going to ask my physician to put me on tamoxifen because I really believe in it," said Helen Wilson, 48, of North Wales, Pa.

U.S. shares of Zeneca Group, the British parent of Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, were up 8.5 percent this afternoon on the New York Stock Exchange, soaring \$11.62 1/2 to \$148.87

News left uncovered

I paged through about fifteen different issues of *Time* looking for inspiration for this article. As anyone who reads *Time* can probably tell you, *Time* is not the best magazine for current environmental coverage. In fact, in all of the issues that I paged through, there was really only one scientific/environmental story. What might that be?

Dolly and genetic cloning, of course.

Of course? Why 'of course'? And yes, I am well aware that too many rhetorical questions can alienate the reader.

The point that I want to make here is that there are plenty of other scientific, and especially environmental topics from which we might benefit, but only if they are brought to our attention. And magazines which are seeking to be comprehensive, meaning they include at least one story each week from a broad range of categories, should attempt to include them.

Despite the evidence, which includes girl-scouts planting trees, packs of teenage vegans and campus recycling bins, the need to protect the environment has not hit home and it has not hit mass media.

I saw one of the clearest examples of this just the other evening as I passed by the beach. After one warm afternoon, the beach was completely trashed! I am not suggesting that we need to have the media constantly urging us to do what should come naturally, but I have to admit that it works rather well. People are obsessed with crime, obsessed with political scandals and obsessed with consumption—all of these things figure prominently in the media. I previously noted the increasing

anxiety over foodstuffs, and I would wager on a guess that if there isn't a health food store in your neighborhood now, there will be one soon.

Chicken and egg question or not, I suspect that not too many people would deny that these anxieties and obsessions feed off of the media, and the media off of them. So more media coverage could result in a lot of positive change.

If I had to guess why the media doesn't take a more active role, I would say that it was because they thought the environment, unless it is something like a huge hurricane or El Niño, doesn't make for good news. Sure, maybe there isn't much more to say about resource depletion or littering, yet I can think of at least a few environmental issues which might be troubling to the most hardened of anti-environmentalists.

One particular concern is the regulation of fertilizers and pesticides. There is currently some evidence to suggest that trace amounts of synthetic chemicals such as DDT which have accumulated in the world water supply may be responsible for decreased sperm count, abnormal reproductive development and increased testicular cancer among humans. A skeptic might scoff and say that nothing has been proven conclusively, but for all of the couples spending huge amounts of money on fertility treatments this matter is no joke.

Environmental issues, just as much as political and scientific, should be presented for accessible public discussion by the mass media. Because, until we have perfected our ways of living upon this earth, unsupervised and uninformed we hold the potential for incredible damage, not only to nature, but also to ourselves.

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Now you see it, now you don't

"Mars Face" does an about-face, not visible in Surveyor photos

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. —The "Mars Face" got its picture snapped for the first time in two decades and guess what? It's a face-off.

The formation in the image beamed back to Earth from the Mars Global Surveyor and released Monday looks like everything from a sandal print to a stuffed chili pepper—everything, that is, but a face.

"It's a butte, a mesa, a knob," said Michael Ravine, advanced projects manager at Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego, which operates Surveyor's camera.

The "Face" was photographed more than 20 years ago and has taken on a life of its own since images of the shadowy, gape-mouthed visage were popularized.

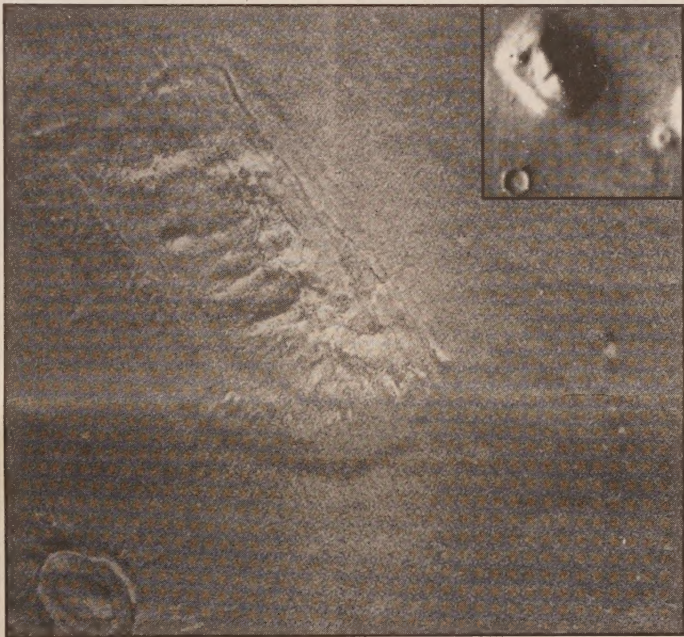
While mainstream scientists say the image is a trick of light and shadow on natural features, believers say it may be part of an ancient city on Mars.

But under the scrutiny of the modern camera, the gape-mouthed "Face" with empty eye sockets seen in images from a 1976 Viking mission is gone.

"Nothing jumps out at me and screams, 'This must have been built by the forces of intelligence,'" Ravine said.

"It's a natural formation. I hope this has scotched this thing for good."

—MICHAEL CARR, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



The Martian Cydonia region, as photographed by the Viking spacecraft in 1976 (inset) and as seen by the Mars Surveyor last month.

The chief proponent of the "Face" view quickly charged that too much data had been stripped from the image in enhancing it and the result was of too poor quality to draw any conclusions.

"It's like looking at a TV with a bunch of snow on it," said Richard Hoaglund. "There's all kinds of random speckles. The damn thing is as noisy as hell."

Hoaglund describes himself as principle investigator for The Enterprise Mission, a New Mexico-based research and NASA watchdog group.

Others were certain the new images only showed natural features.

"It's noisy, but it's not that bad," said Michael Carr, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park.

The area photographed is in a transition zone between an old cratered

area and newer low-lying northern plains. Knobs of rock from the older formations poke up in the plains and this is one of them, Carr said.

"It's a natural formation," he said. "I hope this has scotched this thing for good."

Surveyor turned its camera on the Cydonia region early Sunday because of public interest in the Viking "Face" images, which showed the formation lit from the west. When Global Surveyor passed over, the light at 10 a.m. local time on a wintry Mars day came

from the southeast.

Ravine said he would have been overjoyed to find signs of intelligent life on Mars.

"If we found flying saucers carved at the base of this thing...I would be even happier because that would be cool," he said.

NASA declined to offer its own opinion because of the controversy.

"We're taking a neutral stand on this," said Glenn E. Cunningham, manager of the Global Surveyor project at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Several years ago, supporters of the "Face" theory suggested that the space agency had even disabled its billion-dollar Mars Observer mission to avoid photographing artificial structures on the Red Planet.

NASA lost contact with Observer as it approached Mars.

"There've been charges of conspiracy and manipulating the data, and we want to make it very clear to everybody that no such activity goes on here," Cunningham said. "We put the raw data out there."

This time, NASA had the raw image placed immediately on its Web sites.

Global Surveyor will have opportunities to photograph the same area on April 14 and April 23. Hoaglund suggested that those photographs concentrate on what he has contended are several pyramid-shaped structures to the southeast that are part of the "city complex."

"I would strongly urge NASA to target the other objects in the complex to test the geometry and the structural details," he said.

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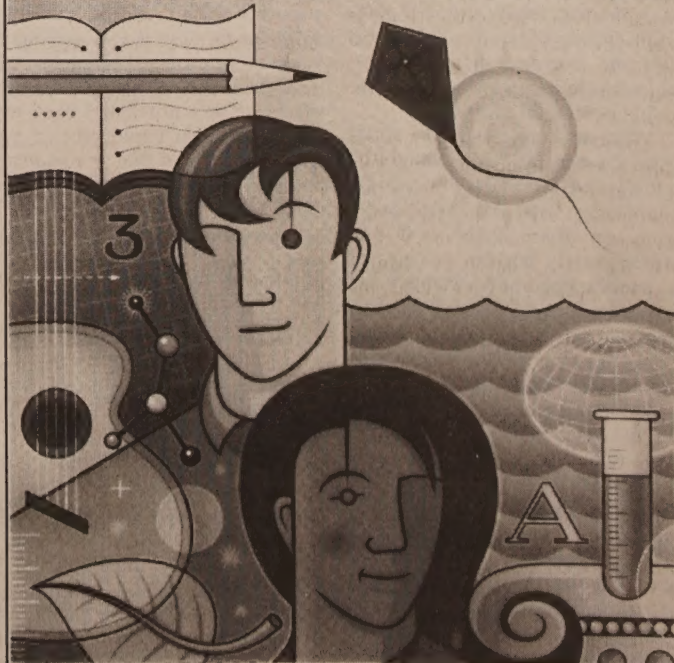


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EDITORIALS

Change to Merlin course evaluations will make responses worthless

In October, an on-line academic manual replaced the Oraculum which traditionally printed students' class evaluations in booklet form. "Merlin" made room for many statistics and for professors to respond to their classes' evaluations. But it left students speechless by eliminating one of the most important sections of the evaluation—student comments.

Now the Academic Affairs Committee has gone further off track, making course evaluations even less representative: Instead of completing the evaluations on paper during class time, now students will fill out the surveys on-line and on their own time.

This new process will save the university money and professors class time, but the change is sure to render the evaluations worthless. If left up to the students to fill out the questionnaires at their leisure, the responses will be severely biased—if there are any responses at all.

Without incentives, it's almost impossible to persuade a Hopkins student to do anything. (Even with a \$250 gift certificate, it took the Student Health and Wellness Center two tries to acquire enough re-

sponses to their student survey). So without a bonus prize, how many students will take an hour—approximately 15 minutes for each class—to fill out the course evaluations on-line? Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies Bill Leslie is hoping that 30 per cent of students in each course will. Statistically, this is poor.

And which students will be the ones who fill out the survey? Probably the vengeful ones who hope to bash the professors they don't like or the classes in which they did poorly. Statistically, the responses will be biased.

When course evaluations were administered during class time, 75 to 80 per cent of students grudgingly took the time to fill them out. This ensured a large sample of respondents and included those with varied opinions.

Perhaps the School of Engineering is more familiar with statistics than the School of Arts and Sciences—they're not moving to on-line evaluations just yet. Or maybe the School of Engineering realizes that putting the course evaluation guide completely on-line is asking—and expecting—too much of students.

Divesting school position in Royal Dutch Petroleum cutting off nose despite face

Johns Hopkins' investors should ignore the calls to sell the school's investment in Royal Dutch Petroleum, as the company wouldn't even notice the sale took place, Hopkins would be left worse off, Royal Dutch's alleged violations against mankind aren't actually that horrific, and trying to set an ethical standard for Hopkins investments would lead only to confusion, illiquidity, and a lower endowment.

If Hopkins sold its stake in Royal Dutch, there would be no punitive effect on the company. Royal Dutch (which owns only a 60% stake in Royal Dutch / Shell Group) has four times the cash and a mind-numbing 114 times the assets of Hopkins' entire billion-dollar endowment, let alone the endowment's minuscule stake in Royal Dutch. After all employees and expenses at Royal Dutch are paid, the company makes a million dollars an hour. Hopkins, an investment weakling of amazing proportions, could liquidate its entire position instantaneously without even temporarily effecting the company's capitalization. For this reason, Shell did not see fit to send a company representative to the School of Public Health's roundtable.

Further, Hopkins has a responsibility to its students and faculty to maximize the school's endowment given a certain level of risk. If Hopkins were to liquidate its Royal Dutch investment for a less profitable one, financial aid to Hopkins students, salaries to Hopkins professors, and/or the quality of the physical plant would be cut. Supporters of a divestiture in Royal Dutch should think about having to

deliver an apology to the student who ends up at a cheaper school because an oil company allegedly wasn't living up to someone's standards for an investment.

Further, as companies go, Royal Dutch isn't that bad. Although Shell has suffered many spills, the company says it has contained the spills and provided food and drink to local residents. Shell also just gave the largest corporate donation ever in support of marine conservation.

Indeed, short of investing in socialist-model companies like Ben & Jerry's, Hopkins may be hard pressed to find perfect companies, for once you start ruling out investments based on allegedly poor ethics, where do you stop? If investors have to check with an ethics oversight board before making investments, the increased red tape will lead to missed opportunities for profitable investments.

In Short, selling the investment would only hurt Hopkins, both in the short term, by depriving the school of the return on Royal Dutch, and in the long run, by setting increased precedent for ethical oversight. Money, which is already in short supply compared to Hopkins' competitors, is required to keep JHU a top academic contender. Even in the unlikely event that a reasonable system could be established to oversee investments, such a committee would dramatically lower the return on the endowment. Finally, community members specifically concerned about Nigerians should direct their attention to the Nigerian government, which sets the rules inside of which Shell, and all other oil companies, play.

The Shtaq list provides Hopkins with a much needed service

In an AMR dorm room far, far away the Shtaq list was born. The Shtaq list, better known to many in our school by the signature e-mail address of its creator Shaun222@aol.com, has gone from a group of ten to a list of over 300 with many receiving the messages through forwards or the occasional posting in Merryman.

What are mass e-mails? Apart from the continuous onslaught by our class officers and the occasional chain letter, what sets apart this list from any other? SPAM, as it is so affectionately known, has grown into big business in this country and around the world. Large on-line providers such as America Online have gone to court to prevent individuals from flooding their system with, for lack of a better word, trash. But the Shtaq Mailing List (SML) is more than this. The first major difference is that this type of mailing is devoted to Hopkins and all its "subsidiaries." As Matt Drudge's "Drudge Report" on the net informs us of all the latest gossip with a touch of truth, so does the SML. Not to say that the SML is not all there—according to one member known only as Zindagi, the list is an "intellectual forum (e-mail is sent outside of Hopkins) for young scholars (freshman are involved) to come together and exchange ideas (can't use e-mail to respond)."

The list is something more, though, in the normally apathetic Hopkins community. It is provid-

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ing, to a certain degree, information with the hope that students can make more informed decisions with regards to such things as, let's say, elections. It's not that I base my ballot on what comes out of my inbox, but I feel that it's good to know a little bit more about people than what they put down on their

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statement. Maybe it isn't the kind of information that everyone would really like aired in public, but in the spirit of a free press the SML is doing a "classy" job.

Going back to e-mail SPAM. As part of the Hopkins server, we have had to deal with the countless junk e-mails clogging our boxes. We all know how it is when we check our mail after a couple of days finding it clogged with dozens of messages

from Microsoft Presents to "You may have won." But is junk e-mail concurrent with junk mail? Is it really the same thing, or is it being blown out of proportion. Well, for one thing, SPAM—like its supermarket counterpart—is truly irritating. Supermarket SPAM is like nuclear waste; it just sits there emitting noxious fumes. E-mail SPAM is like sarin gas—you can take it from there.

It is not that I am comparing the SML to sarin or an inedible foodstuff. The SML is good in its own way, but it still does have its faults. The list has grown like a weed and it has even gotten some of its recipients asking for "good press" in Hopkinsesque activities etc. Stories like these would seem almost farcical given the humble beginnings of the list. The SML has the ability to make its recipients laugh, as in the infamous *Star Wars* remake and all its prequels, and also provide them with a quasi-objective outlook on what's going on around them. In speaking with Shaun, it seems that the SML has gone from being a list for posting inside jokes and freshman quad quotes to somewhat of a structured "forum" providing its recipients with the inside info that only the SML can send and get away with. Well for those of you who are interested you can e-mail the SML yourself at Shaun222@aol.com. Here is one of the more "classier" quotes floating around the SML. "Funnier than the *Black and Blue Jay*, more objective than the *News-Letter*." —Shaun Ahmad

Gulf War Syndrome a political disease

Soon, the mystery of the Gulf War Syndrome will be solved. The President has appointed a panel to decide whether or not GWS is an actual threat to the American people. Normally, this would be lauded. However, this is the fifth panel so far to discuss the issue. All previous investigations into the syndrome have concluded that the disease does not exist. Politics is about to provide the answers science refuses to give—that there is some "ravaging illness" suffered by veterans as a result of deployment to the Gulf.

The idea of some strange malady caused by unknown means as a result of war is a popular one. In Vietnam, all sorts of illnesses were said to be a result of exposure to Agent Orange. While this was a toxic substance, a truly bewildering array of symptoms has been blamed on it. To this day, scientists monitoring vets exposed to Agent Orange find that they have no more illnesses than the rest of the population. When vets began to claim that they suffered a malady as a result of exposure to nerve gas in the Gulf, the idea spread through the public like wildfire. It is a comforting thought that we can blame our illnesses on another, instead of the whims of nature.

The public widely believes that GWS exists. War is traumatic, and the psychological pain it causes is easily explained away as the effect of a disease. Many people believe that Saddam Hussein may have used biological or chemical weapons during the war. Sentiment against Iraq fuels the idea that they have somehow wronged us; GWS has become a manifestation of these wrongs.

No one has substantiated just what causes GWS. The number of theories about this is astounding. It's been proposed that GWS is a result of nerve gas, pills, vaccinations, Scud missile fuel, anthrax, depleted uranium, burning oil, burning kerosene, lead paint applied to vehicles, and even normally

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harmless bacterium.

However, there is much evidence that there is no Gulf War Syndrome. Some of the arguments supporting it border on the ridiculous. One of the leading researchers who believes in GWS catalogued over 124 separate "symptoms" of the disorder, from balding and weight gain to prepos-

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terous effects like semen that burns like napalm and glowing vomit. While no one is saying that vets don't get sick, they don't get any sicker than the rest of the population, on average. The previous panels, from the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Medicine, the President's own Advisory Committee, and from the Department of Defense, have all refused to ratify popular sentiments by refusing to grant scientific legitimacy to GWS. Clinton's solution was to replace his panel with political appointees and get the answer he, and the public, wants to hear.

This latest incarnation of the panel has five members. The first two have already been proposed: Former Sena-

tor Warren Rudman and the retired Admiral Elmo Zumwalt III. Rudman has repeatedly stated in public that he intends to meet with veterans groups and discuss the matter. Scientists are not mentioned, however. Zumwalt is the man responsible for publicizing Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. Zumwalt has already openly stated that he believes in the existence of GWS. As he said, Gulf vets "need to keep the pressure on, because in the case of Agent Orange—and I'm sure it'll occur with Desert Storm syndrome—the companies who stand to be found liable for any harmful effects will be in there lobbying." All Clinton has to do now to get a majority decision on the panel for the "right answer" is to appoint the obligatory "victim" of GWS.

Should the panel give Clinton what he wants, and legitimates GWS, the implications extend to our future foreign policy as well as domestic life. If there is in fact a disease that comes from the Gulf War, and Saddam Hussein is responsible, then there is an excuse to go to war with Iraq once more. Clinton has shown a habit of "getting tough" on Iraq whenever something unfavorable to him is happening stateside. Remember how Paula Jones was supposed to testify about Clinton on January 17? Right about that time, Clinton was posturing and waving his arms about the "UN inspection crisis" in Iraq. And the Gulf War did wonders for the Bush presidency. Essentially, legitimating the Gulf War Syndrome gives the US a stable, popular, long-term excuse to declare war on Iraq again whenever we want to.

Perhaps more important is the effect this mockery of a panel could have on Gulf War veterans, both those who are healthy and those who claim to suffer GWS. If it is openly stated that this terrible disease does in fact exist, these veterans may receive some government benefits, but they will be faced with the terror of contracting and spreading a terrifying disease that doesn't exist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

News-Letter joins ranks of world's "sleaziest publications"

To the Editors,

I was shocked to see Aaron Schlossberg and Ben Harris's reply to reader mail in this week's *News-Letter*, not as much because of the content of his letter, but because the *News-Letter* allowed itself to publish a letter responding to a letter. I don't think you editors fully comprehend the ramifications of this gesture.

Let's start with the flagrant violation of your Letters Policy. At the bottom of the same page in which Schlossberg and Harris's letter (I don't know whether to call it a letter, an article or an editorial) was published, the *News-Letter* explicitly states that no letter should exceed two typed, double spaced pages in length. Well, on a size 10 font, Schlossberg's letter occupied four and a half double spaced pages in length—more than double the space that anybody else (preferably a reader, since *News-Letter* staff already have the entire paper to publish their material) has to present their views.

Also, let's discuss the entire concept of allowing people to respond to other people's letters. I must admit that only the sleaziest publications allow this practice, thereby exposing their letters pages to probable explosions of reciprocating angry reader letters. I congratulate you on choosing to join this group. Maha Aon and Quentin Hodgson were responding to editorials, and in any respectable publication, it would have ended there. The *News-Letter*, by allowing itself to publish Schlossberg and Harris's letter which qualifies to be an article in itself, violates the readers who bother to write in with their views. The Middle Eastern situation is far too complicated to be summarized in even four and a half pages, and giving them the last word in the matter is not only unfair, but unethical and unprofessional.

It is obvious that there is a lot of energy on this campus regarding the Middle Eastern situation, and perhaps it would be appropriate to establish a separate forum where students can discuss this issue. This forum may be anything from a separate publication to a separate column in the *News-Letter*. As a product of the Palestinian Diaspora myself, I would be both glad and eager to participate in this endeavor. Until then, the *News-Letter* should exercise restraint in its practices.

Schlossberg, in my opinion, has demonstrated himself to hardly be an intellectual in his interpretations of "facts," but a passionate politician. If anything, he is the same propagator of "propaganda to the point of comedy" as he accuses Maha Aon to be. This matter has to be dealt with more seriously, because Americans need to be better informed of what is really going on in the Middle East.

Sincerely,
Samer Nasser

News-Letter "bigger people" than Black and Blue Jay staff

To the Editors,

We at the *Black and Blue Jay* would like to be among the first to congratulate you on printing the second funniest thing published on campus last week, the April 2 issue of the *News-Letter*. After reading last week's issues, people now un-

derstand why you do humor, and we do news.

Seriously, we would like to thank all involved with your publication for having the sense of humor and class to allow us to publish the *Black and Blues-Letter*, and taking it all in stride. While it takes truly big people to make fun of others, it takes even bigger people to allow yourselves to be put under the most powerful microscope (more powerful than the Hubble) on campus. Knowing that not everyone has been completely ecstatic about all of the things we have ever published, we wanted to send our thanks to you guys (especially Doug and Gianna), the folks at Wonderflx, the Student Council, Eric Quan, Ed Hosono, any Asian who's in a sorority, the ladies of the lacrosse team and Dorato Kinney for having the ability to grin and laugh, without getting too uptight.

Good luck with the rest of your year, and look for our next issue in May.

Sincerely,
Damien and Will
Black and Blue Jay editors



LETTERS POLICY

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OPINIONS

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Use of "Megan's Law" inappropriate

On February 5, 1998, students at Wesleyan University were posed with an interesting situation: Every student and member of the faculty and staff received an e-mail stating that a man convicted of raping a Wesleyan student in 1989 had moved in nearby the university.

This act, made by the university, overstepped Connecticut's equivalent to "Megan's Law," a piece of legislation made initially in New Jersey in response to the brutal rape and killing of Megan Kanka by a convicted sex offender who lived across the street. In their attempt to satisfy state law, as well as protect their students, the man's name and address were published, a move that has been criticized by the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union as a breach of the man's civil rights.

Therein, very briefly, lies the conflict, a conflict that has been debated by even the Supreme Court. While a convicted sex offender may pose a threat to the community that he moves into after his official incarceration or punishment, does that really constitute reason enough to potentially revoke his civil rights?

While the Supreme Court decided that the answer to this question was "yes," groups concerned with the protection of the rights outlined in our Constitution, and those simply conscious of what they stand to lose should these rights be infringed upon, are rightfully troubled.

The idea that public notification that a potential threat to a community may be living nearby seems like a good one; knowing that sort of information will let one know who to avoid, who to take precautions against. But, while this makes sense if, say, a killer has escaped from a local prison, it

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does not if the person is an ex-convict. An ex-con has been punished; he has served his time, and therefore been absolved of it. Proclaiming to the world that he committed a crime is like forcing someone to walk around with a sign around his neck is... a scarlet letter, and only a knee-jerk reaction to information that we may find troubling.

is like forcing someone to walk around with a sign around his neck, telling the world that they are a bad person. It is, in its own way, a scarlet letter, and only a knee-jerk reaction to information that we may find troubling.

Admittedly, the idea that a convicted sex offender might be living across the street from me is a little

scary. And sure, it might be nice to know that one piece of information about any potential neighbor. But then, it would be nice to know everything about the people around us. The guy living across the hall from me might have been convicted of a petty larceny while in high school. I don't see JHU sending out notices to everyone on our floor with his name, address and past infraction displayed for all to see, just in case he wants to steal my white-board pen. And truthfully, I don't want to.

This sort of action violates two rights that we, as Americans hold dear: Our right to privacy and our right to be protected from ex post facto punishment. Any criminal who has served his time deserves his chance at achieving a normal lifestyle after they complete their punishment, no matter how much we would like to deny them of it. A public announcement of someone's past guilt does nothing but isolate and further punish someone who has already served his or her debt to society. The only service that this sort of law may provide is a sense of false security—a security that translates, really, into simple fear.

There exist other ways of protecting oneself—or, as the focus is with "Megan's Law," protecting one's children. Instead of implementing laws that bruise our civil rights to assuage the fears of citizens, stricter punishments can be established as a general rule. Children can be taught to be wary of strangers—we were all told not to get into cars with strange men, no matter how much delicious candy they would wave at us. The same can be taught when dealing with anyone we're not familiar with; use caution. Laws like "Megan's Law" only make us feel better in the short-term; their long-term implications only serve to harm us.

Is the arming of America a problem?

Witchhunt psychology follows a distinct pattern. Faced with difficulty, people lash out irrationally at what is perceived to be the cause. Primitives executed "witches" during drought or famine, Senator Joseph McCarthy attacked State Department "communists" after China came under the control of Chairman Mao and now gun banners lash out at the Second Amendment in the wake of tragic shootings at an Arkansas middle school. Those who

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A Glance Outside

arms, but a culture which glorifies violence and disregards the consequences. Rather than hold the murderers accountable to their actions, anti-Second Amendment activists like Brady overlook their murderous impulses and seize the opportunity to blame inanimate objects and Constitutional rights.

Her Constitution-ripping colleague, Schumer, goose-stepped right behind her. "You should lock your gun. Every gun should be sold with a child-proof safety lock that only parents know how to unlock." And like Brady, Schumer conveniently ignored the facts. Trigger locks jeopardize a victim's life during the commission of a crime (I challenge you to find the criminal who will give his victim some time to unlock and load his weapon.) Locks also have a nasty habit of making guns backfire and explode. Lock manufacturer Winchester places big, bold warnings on locks explaining the dangers.

Most important, Schumer did not mention that the guns used in the killings were locked and out of the reach of children. The murderers had to break into a shed to steal the weapons.

Instead of being lead around on a leash by anti-Constitutional opportunists like Brady and Schumer, people should know the truth about firearms and the fallacy of "gun control." Respected criminologist Gary Kleck finds firearms are used 2.5 million times a year to defend the lives of their owners, causing the anti-gun Kleck to become a staunch defender of the Second Amendment and point out "general gun availability does not measurably increase rates of homicide, suicide, robbery, assault, rape or burglary in the U.S."

James Wright, an anti-gun member of the Carter Administration was commissioned to conduct a study extolling the effectiveness of gun control laws. After a long, in-depth study, Wright abandoned his anti-gun ideology and became a gun control opponent. "I am now of the opinion that a compelling case for 'stricter gun control' can not be made," Wright said.

The United States has a crime problem, not because we have guns, but because we glorify violence. Rappers and movies portray criminals as heroes and those who shoot and kill never face the consequences of their actions. The tragedy in Arkansas is the product of a sick and twisted mind, indifferent to suffering and incapable of reason.

More gun control will not stop crime. If gun control worked, anti-gun states like New Jersey and Washington, D.C. would be free of crime and pro-gun states like Utah and Vermont would be crawling with trigger-happy criminals. The reverse is true, states which overstep the boundaries of the Constitution and infringe upon the rights of its citizens to keep and bear arms pay the price in higher crime rate, while those who respect the tenets of freedom and good government allow its citizens to keep and bear arms. Gun control is synonymous with failure and scapegoating. It never has worked and it never will. MADD doesn't strut in front of TV cameras and push for bans on automobiles in the wake of tragic drunk driving deaths and anti-gun opportunists like Brady and Schumer should hold criminals accountable for what they do, instead of shifting the blame to legally-protected pieces of wood and metal.

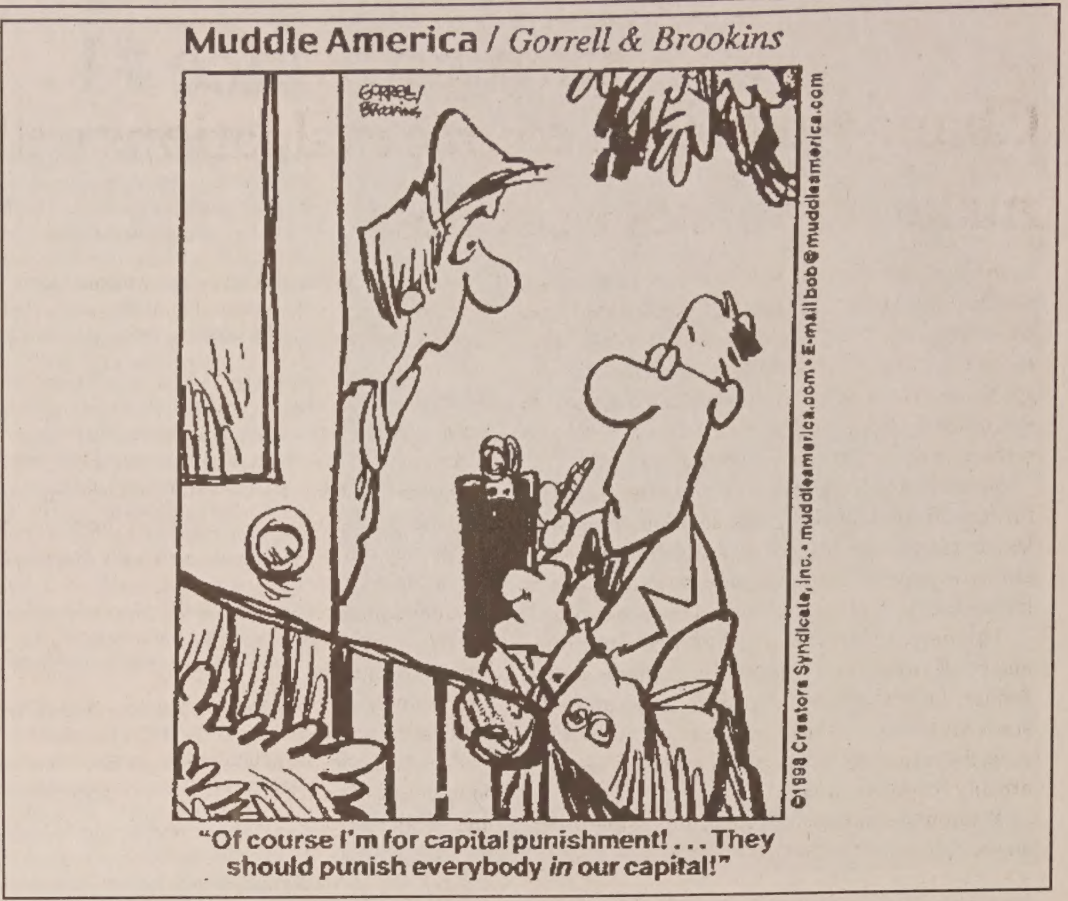
People should sit back, take a breath and think about this horrible tragedy in clear, rational terms. This savage act was carried out by two boys with no regard for decency or human life. If access to guns caused tragedies like this, then Israel, a nation with

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heavily-armed citizens, would experience similar calamities. Unlike Israel, the United States glorifies violence, and pays the price when sick children murder their classmates.

No amount of gun control would have prevented this horrific massacre without endangering the freedom of law-abiding citizens. Rather than embark on an emotionally-charged, irrational witchhunt against responsible, law-abiding gunowners, we should reexamine our national morality. In this time of great national mourning, we should extend our sympathies to the victims and their families, and begin to discuss how we can change a violent culture which sowed the seeds of this unfortunate event.

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Take the money out of politics

Campaign finance reform seems at first to be an obvious win-win proposition for both parties. After the contemptible, and frankly pathetic, spectacle of candidates and parties competing to see who would go lowest for a buck in the last few elections the public clearly said "enough is enough." All of our major political figures promised some action, dozens of bills were introduced, and yet despite all the rhetoric, nothing real has developed.

Newt Gingrich promised to bring campaign finance legislation to the floor this year; And he did, using a parliamentary tactic that ensured its defeat. Now the only hope of even a fair vote on the issue seems to lie in a bizarre petition circulating amongst our representatives calling for the free and fair vote that Gingrich originally promised. So far the petition has received 196 of the 218 signatures needed to bring the reform legislation to the floor.

Should these bills be released from committee, a measure such as that sponsored by Christopher Shays of Connecticut and Martin Meehan of Massachusetts would have a moderate chance of passing. This bill would severely curtail the so called "soft money" contributions to parties that seem to have caused most of the mess in '96 as well as restricting political fund raising for use in non-party political activities directed against particular candidates.

Such legislation would be a good step in the right direction, but in the long run it could create more problems than it solves. If the "War on Drugs" has taught us anything, it

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Pushing The Envelope

should have clearly shown that tightening up on the supply of a commodity with a high fixed demand, whether we're talking narcotics or campaign contributions, is just asking for trouble. In fact a lot of the problems

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with "soft money" that we're seeing today are a direct result of restrictions on "hard" contributions enacted since Watergate. None of the legislation seriously under consideration today address the underlying reality that it costs a hell of a lot to run for office in America today. Unless this concern is addressed than tighter regulations on fund raising will either result in either more corruption as candidates are forced to bend the rules in order to raise the capital required for a successful campaign or a surrendering of the political realm to the Ross Perot's of the world who can afford to finance their own campaigns.

Ultimately, effective campaign fi-

nance reform will have to concentrate on the demand side of the equation. If we really want to take the corrupting effects of money out of politics we have to take money out of politics. If the government provided significant subsidies to candidates who received a certain minimal amount of support then they could spend more time worrying about the issues and less about their bank books. Since media advertising, especially on television, is by far the most expensive aspect of a campaign, requiring networks to provide free air time to candidates would go a long way towards making campaigning more affordable even if America isn't ready for German style direct subsidies of parties. Such a move would also help to elevate political discussion to a higher plane than that of the 30 second sound byte and attack ad.

Once you realize that real, effective campaign finance reform would have to entail some diminution in the influence of money in politics it becomes clearer why nothing real is being done. Our elected officials all know how to work the current system and get the money that they need. In fact, increased contributions to incumbents is one of the primary reasons for their high rates of reelection. Taking money out of politics would level the playing field and take away their advantage. Unless we make it absolutely clear that we, the voters, demand officials who can solve the problems associated with the high costs of campaigning today nothing will ever happen. In this case, what's good for the American people just isn't good for our representatives' reelection plans.

Don't be fooled: It's the same old stuff down at City Hall

Last week was a scary one for me; I had to think to myself, alright, maybe I've been wrong. Here I've been lambasting the mayor of Baltimore for an entire year for being irresponsible, corrupt and too political. I accused him of being a mayor more concerned with rhetoric than results. Now, it seems things may not be that way. Last week, it was announced that for the first time in many years, Baltimore's budget is going to be increased for next year. On top of that, it seems that he might make the bold move to endorse Eileen Rehermann in her attempt to save the Democrats from Parris Glendenning. What's going on here? Can Baltimore actually be heading in the right direction because of the bold leadership of our beloved mayor?

Well, quite simply, no, it's not a sign of anything. With the national economic trend being so favorable, it is hard to imagine even Schmoke and Glendenning together could wreck it for the citizens of Baltimore.

The thing to notice about the budget is that the budget that Schmoke will be presenting to the Board of Estimates has no raises for the public school system, and a paltry raise for the Enoch Pratt Library, which was forced to close a number of branches because of last year's

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budget debacle between Schmoke and the City Council. The budget also contains no tax cuts, despite Baltimore having the highest property tax in Maryland by at least

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20,000 percent (an estimate).

So, where is the new money going if not to revitalize the library or adequately fund Baltimore's public schools? The money is going to a

(required) fixing of the city's incinerator plant, an expansion of the city's internet system and to (my favorite) the Wyndham Harbor East Hotel.

This is despite the fact that the City that Reads had to close so many of its city funded libraries and that its public school system receives about 32 percent of the city budget (over ten percent less than Baltimore County, for example). So, as we can see, Schmoke continues along with the rhetoric of being the education mayor while Baltimore's public schools fail to get the money that they so desperately need.

As for his soon-to-be endorsement of Eileen Rehermann—it is not a sign of leadership but another political payoff (although this one is at least the right decision, although it's arrived at the wrong way). This payoff is to Larry Gibson, a top political advisor to Schmoke and his former (and probably future) campaign manager. Mr. Gibson is also the campaign manager for Rehermann, and probably plans on Baltimore being key to her chances to beat Glendenning. An endorsement from Schmoke is an obvious key to winning Baltimore.

Well, in the final analysis it looks like I actually have been right all along.

SPORTS



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Senior Dave Marks recorded a career high four assists against Villanova.

Jays still undefeated in conference

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goal in 22 straight games. She leads the team with 23 goals and 13 assists for 36 points.
She ranks first in conference scoring with 25 points against Centennial foes. Patibandla and sophomore Sarah Love have frustrated opposing attacks this season at the goal. Patibandla recorded 24 saves

in two games last week giving her 61 for the season and 538 for her career - 114 saves from the JHU record. She has posted a .592 save percentage with a goals against average of 7.39. Love has recorded a 4.24 goals against average with a .769 save percentage. She also recorded a career-high 11 saves against Bryn Mawr.

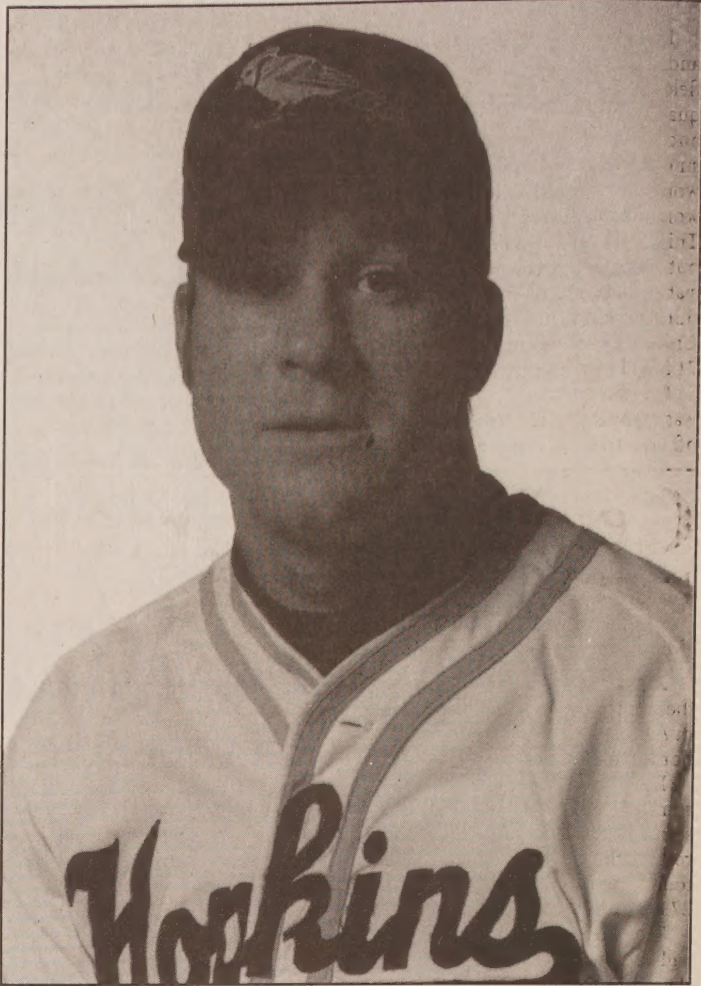
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a big performance from their defense. Defensive coordinator Brian Voelker's unit has been criticized for being too young and inexperienced, but under trial-by-fire they have settled down lately to take some of the pressure off of Carcatterra. During the winning streak, Hopkins has given up only 7 goals-per-game. In particular, junior Rob Doerr, who has typically drawn the opposing team's top attacker, will have his work cut out for him stopping Hochstadt.
Another key to Hopkins' game will be extra man opportunities. The Jays have been remarkably efficient playing with an extra man this season, converting on 28-of-55 (.509) chances, but the Maryland defense has been stingy, allowing only 14-of-50 (.280) with a man in the penalty box.
Saturday's contest will be the second part of the IKON Lacrosse Classic doubleheader. In the first game, starting at 4:00, no. 5 Loyola takes on no. 10 Massachusetts. "With Maryland, Loyola, UMass and Hopkins, we have four of the top 10 teams in the nation playing at Homewood Field in one day," said Seaman.

John Christ: Baseball God

MEGAN BENNER
Athlete of the Week

With 40 RBIs, 6 homeruns, and a batting average of .490, John Christ is one of baseball's most valuable offensive weapons. This junior from Buffalo, NY is not only a key to Hopkins' explosive lineup, he is also one of the team's leading pitchers (4-0) and outfielders.
"Baseball is a great sport. I love pitching. As a pitcher and a hitter, I am doing something in every inning. I like to be involved with the game and feeling like I'm contributing. But, on the other hand, I enjoy outfield too: the surprise of the game—a ball can be hit at you anytime—it's fun."
Along with John Christ, players like Steve Milo, Johnny Craig, and Greg Kieck fuel the offense. "Hitting is the best part of our game. There are no weaknesses. We are strong in every area, though. We have some of the best pitchers in Division III."
In their best start ever, the Blue Jays took the UAA championship in Florida and have sustained a nearly perfect 21-1 record.
"One notable thing about this year's team is that when one part of our game is off, the players always come through for each other. If someone is having a bad day, the other guys in the lineup pick each other up."
"We are really proud of our play so far this season. Every game has been exciting. The season started, for us, the first day we got here in the fall. We've been training hard since and a lot of our players have really grown and developed their abilities. The dedication in the off-season is paying off for us now," said Christ.
There is evidence of the Blue Jays' commitment as they dominate their opponents in hitting, pitching, and



COURTESY OF SPORTS NEWS AND INFORMATION
Pitcher and outfielder John Christ has been key in baseball's strong start.

fielding.
Christ said, "This is the best we've been in the three years that I've been here. You could say the team is not led by just 1 or 2 good players, but that it is the whole team that is making us so great."
For John Christ, a Centennial Conference All-Star and Player-of-the-Week, baseball is more than just a winning season, it's a dream.
"I've been playing since I was five years old. It has always been a part of

my life. I enjoy being a part of a team. I am always trying to improve—to become the best player I can be. One day, I'd like to play professionally."
With a big games against Ursinus (a double-header on Saturday, April 18th) New Jersey, and Montclair coming up in April. Hopkins looks towards yet another undefeated streak, continuing to shut down opponents with their outstanding play and moving closer to another conference victory.

Riding high and ready for the Terps

Last Saturday, we easily tamed the Wildcats of Villanova. Offensively we were led by attackman Dylan Schlott. Schlott showcased his shooting ability, finding the net an amazing seven times on Saturday. Schlott's seven goal performance was a career high which gives him 27 total. This more than triples his offensive production last season.
Moreover, our extra-man offense was flawless. This unit converted eight goals on eight opportunities, five of which came from Schlott. On the whole, I believe that we played pretty well, even though we started slowly. We appeared a little sluggish in the opening quarter.
However, this can be attributed to an early morning bus trip the day of the game as well as poor weather conditions. Despite these factors, we rolled past the Cats in the second and third quarters and, as a result, many second and third string players were given the opportunity to play.
This upcoming weekend will be significantly different. The number one ranked Maryland Terrapins will

RICHARD SCHWESTER
Off the bench

come to Homewood for a Saturday night showdown. The Terps are unbeaten and riding high. This team likes to think of themselves as the ultimate blue collar team in Division I lacrosse. Both Maryland coaches and players maintain that they outwork any of their opponents. Furthermore, they feel that they are overly tough, bruisers who thrive on intimidating the opposition.
Maryland has made it to the championship game for three straight years. As fate would have it though, they have been bride's maids three times in a row. From our standpoint, Maryland's blue-collar work ethic remains to be seen. They must prove this to us.
This practice week, it is imperative that we block out all of the externalities that might interfere with our concentration. Channel 2 has been at practice along with HTS and several media figures from around the Baltimore area. We must forget the me-

dia, and pay no attention to the hype that surrounds this contest.
This game is about one team, Johns Hopkins. We can't control what the Terps do, nor what the media says. However, we certainly can control what we do. We need to be sharp in practice and prepare mentally for what is to come.
Thus far we have done this. Practices have been going well. We've been practicing at around eight at night so that we can adequately adjust to night conditions. Although this has affected some of our daily schedules, it's just another part of being a Blue Jay.
Ultimately, we have no doubt that we are ready. We believe that we have come very far and made great strides. This Saturday will mark the third time this year that we play the #1 ranked team in the country. Everyone is looking toward Saturday with great anticipation, for it is an opportunity. An opportunity to make their bus trip back to College Park a long and quiet one. Finally, it is an opportunity to gain respect, to show everyone in the country that Hopkins is for real.

Playing the Number 1—Again!

For the third time this season, the Blue Jays face the number one team in the nation. For the first time this season (remember the Jays play Loyola this year as well), state bragging rights are at stake. And when the number one ranked Maryland Terrapins come to town on Saturday, the two Maryland powerhouses renew a rivalry that first began in 1895.
In the all-time series the Jays lead 57-34-1. Most recently, the Terps have handed the Jays crucial losses, one in 1995, which is considered the biggest upset in the history of the NCAA Tournament and then again in 1976 to spoil a potential unbeaten and untied record for the Blue Jays.
Will the Jays be able to get revenge on their home state rivals? Or will it be a terrific time for the Terps? Let's find out.
Maryland comes into this game unbeaten and solid at almost every position. They allow a very stingy 7.63 goals against average and have one of the better goalies in the country in Kevin Healy.
On defense, the Terps suffered perhaps their biggest loss from last season with the graduation of second team All-American, Dave LaChapelle. Chris Lamy has stepped in for LaChapelle picking up 12 ground balls this season and has played better with each game.
Senior co-captain Mike Bonanni is the anchor of the defense, and is the enforcer on a team that does not allow many goals. Jason Carrier, a sophomore rounds out the starting

GEORGE SOTERAKIS
Shorts Hops

corps with Casey Connor playing a major role as a backup.
What they are up against is the potent Jays offense. Connor Denihan and A.J. Haugen have been impressive in recent weeks. Denihan, and Andrew Godfrey will go up against former teammate Kevin Healy and will be out for bragging rights.
A.T. Bailey's return has added depth on the face-offs and Dylan Schlott looks to improve upon his seven goal performance of last week. The Jays should be well rested and should show no signs of fatigue against this tough Terps squad.
The real test of fortitude for the Jays will come once again on Defense. Maryland sports a trio of All-Americans in its attack. This unit is led by seniors Matt Hahn and Andrew Whipple. Rounding out the group is junior Scott Hochstadt.
Hahn's strength (much like that of Dylan Schlott's) is his accurate shooting as he has scored 20 goals on 39 shots for a .513 percentage. Schlott by comparison is 27/46 for a .587 percentage.
Whipple is one of the nation's top assist men in the country. He is the only Terp in double digits in assists (17) whereas the Jays have two players with double digit assists (Dave Marks (13) and Dudley Dixon (14)).
Hochstadt is great in the open field or in one-on-one situations look for

Mike Morsell and Andrew Combs to provide depth to the Terp attack.
At the midfield position, the Terps suffered the loss of two time All-American Todd Evans. Senior Todd Redin has improved this season and has become the go-to guy this season at middle. Brian Zeller, a sophomore, has been productive this season and is fourth on the Terps in scoring.
Doing the bulk of the scoring for the Terps at middle is Zeller. Zeller, who played very well in last season's tournament is a sophomore and has 17 points this season. Bob Hannah adds a powerful left handed shot to this midfield and he will prove to be very difficult to stop if he gets open looks.
In addition, Brian Haggerty will be tough to handle on the face-offs. Countering the offense of the Terps will once again be the JHU defense which will have a lot to prove in this game.
The bottom line is this - the JHU defense needs to come up big. The offense has been balanced and potent while the defense has been coming into its own. Against common opponents UVA, UNC, and Villanova, the Jays won in a more convincing manner than the Terps.
The Jays should be ready for this. The game will be very close and will be decided in the fourth quarter. This is a statement game for Hopkins and Tony Seaman. Give them the edge because of the home field.
News-Letter Prediction: Blue Jays 15-14

| STUDENT.COM TOP 20 LACROSSE POLL | | | | |
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| *First place votes in parentheses () | | | | |
| Team | Record | Pts | Last | |
| 1 Maryland (12) | 8-0 | 278 | 2 | |
| 2 Princeton | 5-1 | 258 | 3 | |
| 3 Syracuse (2) | 5-1 | 247 | 1 | |
| 4 Johns Hopkins | 6-2 | 237 | 4 | |
| 5 Duke | 8-1 | 225 | 5 | |
| 6 Loyola | 7-1 | 212 | 7 | |
| 7 Virginia | 4-3 | 205 | 6 | |
| 8 Hofstra | 6-2 | 161 | 11 | |
| 9 Georgetown | 4-3 | 158 | 8 | |
| 10 Massachusetts | 6-1 | 155 | 9 | |
| 11 North Carolina | 3-6 | 121 | 10 | |
| 12 Notre Dame | 4-4 | 105 | 12 | |
| 13 Butler | 7-2 | 104 | 15 | |
| 14 Harvard | 5-2 | 96 | 14 | |
| 15 Navy | 5-4 | 94 | 13 | |
| 16 Penn State | 4-3 | 85 | 16 | |
| 17 Towson | 3-4 | 63 | 17 | |
| 18 Hobart | 5-0 | 60 | 20 | |
| 19 Army | 4-4 | 23 | 18 | |
| 20 UMBC | 4-3 | 18 | NR | |
| Almost Made It... Brown 14, Delaware 5, Drexel 3, Lehigh 3, Rutgers 3, Manhattan 2, Cornell 1, Dartmouth 1, Denver 1, Holy Cross 1, Yale 1. | | | | |
| Dropped Out: No. 18 Brown, No. 20 Rutgers. | | | | |
| About the Poll Every Monday, sports writers and editors at college newspapers across the nation vote for the best teams in college lacrosse. Total points are based on 20 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 20th-place vote. | | | | |

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SPORTS

Hairston pulls trifecta at meet

Special to News Letter

Last Tuesday, the Hopkins Track and Field Team traveled to the battlefields of Gettysburg to take part in a quad meet with Gettysburg, Messiah and Columbia Union. When the smoke cleared, both the men and women stood with 1-2 records. The women took third, scoring 29 points. This total beat Columbia Union's 26, but lost to Gettysburg's 84.5 and Messiah College's 42.5. The men also took third, scoring 36, beating Columbia Union's 25, but falling to Gettysburg's 71.5 and Messiah's 61.5.

On the women's side, the team was led by Joyce Hairston, who pulled off the trifecta, taking the 1500m

(4:59), the 800m (2:29) and the 3000m (11:36). Also notable in the 800 were Cathy Kral and Heather Relyea, taking fourth and fifth respectively.

On the field side, the women were led by Stacy Patton's winning javelin toss of 120'7". Marjahna Segers also scored for the Jays, taking second in the shot put with a throw of 35'9".

On the men's side, the team had several impressive finishes. For the middle distance squad, Jesse Watson took second in the 800m (2:02), Scott Kobil took third in the 400m hurdles (63.7) and Conor Kelly took second in the 400m (52.7). In the 1500, Eric Edmonds and Jay Barry led the way, Edmonds taking third in 4:11 with Barry scampering in behind him with

a fourth place finish (4:12).

In the distance events, Jim Lancaster took second in the 5000m run with a time of 16:28 while Jeff Fagan took fifth in the 3000m steeplechase.

The field events included lead Victor Lee's second place finish in the Long Jump (19'4.75") and Conor Kelly's triple jump of 40'7.5". In the throwing events, the teams was led by Leon Lloyd's throw of 44'1" in the shot and Joe Butler's javelin toss of 165'1", both good for second.

Wednesday, the team took on Towson and UMBC at UMBC and will look to pull double duty on Saturday when they visit their nemesis, Swarthmore.

Generation war at the Masters

The tranquil music and blooming azaleas can only mean one thing: The Masters is here. The most famous golf course hosts the most prestigious golf tournament in Augusta, Georgia at Augusta National Golf Course.

Last year's tournament was a romp. Tiger Woods, at the age of 21, stunned the world by destroying the rest of the field and shattering the tournament record with a score of 270 (18 under par).

The nearest competitor, if you can call it that, was 12 strokes back. All the while, as his lead grew, Tiger's legend grew larger and more fantastic.

Since that tournament, however, Tiger has not enjoyed the same success, nor has he come close to equaling his play from last year's tournament.

The media thought that he could win every tournament he entered, but golf does not work that way. It is the only sport where you have to beat every single one of your competitors. No other sport offers the same type of competition.

In football, basketball, baseball and tennis, the format is set up so that a team only has to beat four or five other teams.

In golf, a player can beat 90 other players and still not finish in the top 10. Thus, it has been much tougher for Tiger to dominate golf. Many will argue that he is one of five or six very good young players, which is probably true, but he has struggled a little bit this year. He has yet to win a tournament, but he does have four top ten finishes, and he leads the Tour in scor-

JAYME PANI
Doc Nine-Iron

ing average. With the Masters this weekend, there are plenty of players who can emerge victorious should Tiger falter.

The Masters forces players to be more creative around the greens which is a distinct quality of U.S. golf courses. Although seven of the last ten winners have been of foreign origin, this year the field should not be broken up into foreign vs. domestic, but rather old vs. young.

Last year, three of the four Major winners were in their twenties. Golf is undergoing a revolution of sorts. With the likes of Justin Leonard, Woods, Ernie Els, David Duval, Phil Mickelson, Lee Westwood and Jim Furyk, golf has a great future.

But the old crowd of Greg Norman, Nick Faldo, Nick Price, Tom Watson, Fred Couples and Tom Lehman still have something to prove.

For some reason, the winner of the Masters is usually the one playing the best. That is not true of the other majors. Last year, Tiger was clearly the hottest player on tour and he killed the field. The year before, Norman and Faldo were playing the best and it came down to those two on Sunday.

This year should be no exception. Leonard, Duval, Westwood and Els are clearly playing their best golf. Faldo, Norman, Couples and Watson are not.

The course gives a great advan-

tage to long hitters. A medium range hitter can do well, but a short hitter has no chance.

The last time a short hitter won was '87 when Larry Mize chipped in on the second playoff hole. All of the players mentioned above have the length to take advantage of Augusta's generous par 5's. Last year, Woods was 13 under on the par 5's.

You have to be putting well to play well. Augusta is the only course where a player can have a ten-foot putt with four feet of break. This is why Tiger Woods will not win the Masters this year. His putting has been awful at best. If he made any putts this winter, he would have won two maybe three tournaments already. Last year he did not have one three-putt. Do not expect the same results this week.

Past success foretells future success. Tom Lehman, Nick Faldo, Greg Norman and Phil Mickelson always seem to play well at Augusta. They know when to gamble and when to lay back. I cannot imagine a Masters without one of those four contending.

Finally, it will be interesting to see if the twenty-something crowd can continue their recent streak.

The thought here is that Ernie Els will emerge victorious. He won once already. He has great length off the tee, and he is putting very well. He is foreign born, and he is hungry for the green jacket.

Hopefully, he and Tiger can duel it out on the back nine on Sunday. One thing you can be sure of is a great spectacle. The Masters is one of the only events that year after year lives up to its billing.



JOE YOON/NEWS-LETTER STAFF
Senior John Saxe serves up an ace for Hopkins. He and freshman brother James are Hopkins' best doubles duo.

Serving up a taste of tennis

BY NICOLE FOREL
News-Letter Staff

Although they have had a difficult season up to this point, the men's and women's tennis teams continue to persevere, and are preparing for the rest of their season.

The men's team competes in six singles matches and three doubles matches. One of the strongest doubles teams is the Saxe brother combo of senior captain John Saxe and freshman James Saxe.

This year's team, in its entirety, is especially good because of its depth. The team contains strong players in every position.

"We lifted and ran during the off season so now we are all in pretty

good shape and are playing very well. We have a big game coming up against Washington College, last year's Division III national champions. We have to beat them to win the conference," said Captain Maury Stern.

The women's team is off to a slower start than that of the men's team. They are now at a record of 1-4. Their practice on the courts during the off season was limited, and practices during the regular season have not been very intense. However, they spent an vigorous spring break in Bermuda where they played against a number of Division I teams.

"We have had a tough season and we are working hard to try and build our confidence up. We are playing against very good schools this year.

However, we are having fun, and doing our best. We have great team dynamics," said Captain Amy Shuster.

One of the biggest games of the season so far for the women's team was against Ursinus. They played the game despite many setbacks, and still won.

Hopkins only had five players that day and had to forfeit a doubles and singles match, which brought the team down two points. Besides that, the team was half an hour late to the match due to an overturned tractor-trailer on the highway. Technically they should have been disqualified, but Ursinus's coach let them play anyway. In the end, Hopkins was down three games in the doubles and singles, and they still came back to win.

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CALENDAR

Saturday

Baseball vs. Haverford, 12 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Maryland, 7 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Ursinus, 11 a.m.

Tuesday

Baseball vs. Dickinson, 3:30 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Washington C., 3:30 p.m.

SPORTLIGHT

Senior Johnny Craig hit .625 with three homeruns, one triple, and one double last week earning him UAA Athlete of the Week honors. Craig leads the Jays in home runs with seven and was named MVP at the 1998 UAA Baseball Championship Tournament.

#1 Terps up next for Blue Jays

Maryland is the third #1 team to visit Homewood thus far this year

WAQAR HASIB
News-Letter Staff

Yankees versus Red Sox. Lakers versus Celtics. And yes, Johns Hopkins versus Maryland. This Saturday Homewood will play host to one of the biggest rivalries in college lacrosse as the fourth-ranked Blue Jays (6-2) battle the top-ranked Maryland Terrapins (8-0) in what promises to be one of the highlights of the 1998 lacrosse season.

Maryland will be the third number-one-ranked team to visit Homewood this year. In the season opener, Hopkins played Princeton, the preseason favorites, and then they dropped a 14-13 nail-biter last month to the Syracuse Orangemen, another No. 1 at the time. No other team in the nation has played more than once against a top seed.

The undefeated Terps bumped Syracuse out of the top spot two weeks ago in the standings and maintained their position last weekend by sinking Navy 21-7. They feature a balanced offense led by three All-Ameri-

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can attackmen Scott Hochstadt, Andrew Whipple and Matt Hahn. Hochstadt and Hahn lead the Terps with 20 goals apiece, while Whipple has dished out 17 assists. They also boast one of the top goalies in the division in Kevin Healy. After regular starter Sean Keenan went down with a leg injury, Healy took over and gave the Terps strong play between the pipes. His .677 save percentage is second-best in the division, behind only Stony Brook's Greg Taylor.

"Maryland is playing as well as any team in the country right now and is very deserving of the number one ranking," said Blue Jays head coach Tony Seaman. "This is one of the best rivalries in college lacrosse," he added.

Of course, behind every rivalry there has to be a history. In 1996, the Blue Jays ousted the Terps in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament, 9-7. That victory avenged the Terps' dramatic upset in the 1995 semifinals over a Blue Jays squad that many considered one of the best ever assembled.

Seaman's 1998 team has come on strong of late, as they ride a four game-

winning streak into Saturday's contest. At least one reason for the current streak is the continued resurgence of attackmen Dudley Dixon and Dave Marks. Dixon looks like he has rebounded from a preseason injury to return to his 1997 form, when he was the fourth-leading scorer in the nation. Marks, Dixon's linemate, was inserted into the starting lineup in the Syracuse game, and since then has proved to be an invaluable part of the offense. He is second on the team in assists with 13, one behind Dixon.

In their final game before the Maryland showdown, Hopkins breezed past Villanova last weekend 19-6, including an 11-0 run to open the game. Sophomore goalie Brian Carcattera took a shutout into the locker room at halftime, and has shaved his goals-against-average down to a respectable 10.35 per game.

Senior attackman Dylan Schlott reaffirmed his status as one of the most potent scoring threats in the game, as he netted a career-high 7 goals against the Wildcats. Terry Riordan was the last Blue Jay to score seven goals in a game, against Towson in 1995. Schlott's 27 goals on the season leads the team and is the second highest total in the division, behind Casey Powell's 32 for Syracuse. Marks added a career-high four assists.

If the Jays are to dethrone Maryland on Saturday, they will have to get

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JOE YOON/NEWS-LETTER STAFF

Junior midfielder Paul LeSueur takes it on the helmet.

Baseball grabs #4 spot in U.S.

BY DAVID POLLACK
News-Letter Staff

After another week of dominating all of its four opponents by a combined score of 58-13, JHU rocketed up five places in the polls this week, moving from #9 to #4.

"We were surprised," admits sophomore starting catcher Johnny Craig, "but we're happy to move up."

On Tuesday, Hopkins traveled to Western Maryland for a Centennial Conference game.

The Blue Jays knocked the Western Maryland starter out of the game after only an inning of work and then made matters worse for the first relief pitcher. They scored fourteen earned runs in the first four innings on the strength of eight extra-base hits, including homeruns by John Christ and Mike Garvie.

Hopkins later added two more to give Todd Flannery his team-leading sixth win of the year, 17-4.

The following contest was a rematch of the previous one, but was played at Homewood Field. JHU once again put their conference rivals away early with 13 runs in the first three innings, coasting to a 17-7 victory.

This time however, the long ball was not as much of a factor. Hopkins seemed to concentrate more on contact hitting, at one point slapping five singles in a row.

Of the team's ability to keep up its

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| Hopkins (20-1, 6-0 c.c.) | | 20 |
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intensity level, Craig noticed that "Competition between guys on the team has been intense and that keeps us sharp even when the competition is not up to par. You think you had a good day when you had two hits," Craig continues. "until you realize that there are other guys that went 3 for 4 or 4 for 4 and you want to keep up with them."

Indeed, a total of eight Hopkins hitters had at least three hits in one of the two games against Western Maryland last week.

In the first game of the double-header played at Swarthmore last Sunday, JHU took an early 3-0 on RBI singles by Steve Milo and Craig and held on for a 4-2 win.

Junior Bill Thompson led the way in the game, going 2-4 with two doubles, actually lowering his batting average for the week which was .692. His batting average for the season is just a shade under .400, sixth best on a team that is tearing up opposing pitching and whose batting leader is just a shade under .500.

In addition to his torrid hitting, he has yet to make an error at his third base spot, which is especially impres-

sive considering Thompson moved from second to third this week as a result of the injury to regular second baseman Karl Sineath.

In the next contest it was not necessary to pick out a leader on offense. For one thing the Blue Jays were walked and miscued around the bases by Swarthmore, whose pitching gave up 10 walks and whose defense gave up five unearned runs in only five innings.

But more importantly, the story of the game was starting pitcher John Christ. Christ tossed a complete game one hitter over the five innings, striking out seven and walking five for his third win of the season.

The shutout also shed light on the amazing JHU pitching staff. A look at the team ERA leaders reveals that although the one-hitter pushed Christ's ERA down to a team leading 1.74, the rest of the staff is not far behind.

Flannery's 1.89 and Orlovsky's 1.77 show baseball fans that JHU has not been giving up a lot of runs this season.

"If I had to pick an MVP now," Craig said. "It would have to be the starting rotation. They've been blowing guys away all year long."

The 20-0 win also gave Hopkins its 20th win of the year a mark they have never reached in under 22 games until now. Standing at 20-1, JHU will attempt to keep up its focus next week as it faces off against more conference rivals.



JOE YOON/NEWS-LETTER STAFF

The Jays reached the 20-win plateau faster than any team in JHU history by winning all four games last week.

Jays fall to #2 CNJ, 9-7 in OT

BY GEORGE C. WU
News-Letter Staff

Maintaining their dominance in the Centennial Conference, the Johns Hopkins women's lacrosse team massacred the Mawrers of Bryn Mawr 20-5, Saturday. The Blue Jays remain undefeated in conference play and garners a 44-1 C.C. record since 1994.

Last Thursday, the College of New Jersey Lions proved to be too much for the Blue Jays for the fourth straight time. The 7-9 overtime loss is Hopkins' second loss this season. As of Tuesday, the Lions are ranked second in Division III, while the Jays dropped a spot to fourth.

In a nail-biter, JHU scored the first three goals of the second half to turn a 3-2 halftime deficit into a 5-3 lead. Roaring back with their own run, the Lions tied the game with 9:50 to play in regulation. Jays scored again four minutes later, but CNJ clawed at the scoreboard again to even things up a minute later.

With just over a minute and a half left in the second half, Hopkins scored their final goal to take a 7-6 lead. Unfortunately, the Lions again set the scores equal with a minute left in regular play. In the overtime, CNJ put the

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| Bryn Mawr (0-8, 0-4 c.c.) | | 5 |

ball past JHU goalie Anita Patibandla with 1:11 left in the game to insure their fourth victory over the Blue Jays in as many years.

They added the ninth goal into an empty net with one second remaining on the clock.

Only two JHU players made marks on the goals or assists columns against the Lions. Sophomore attack followed up a five-goal performance against Swarthmore with two goals and two assists. Freshman midfielder Jessica Popham put a career-high five goals past the CNJ goalie and added one assist.

Uncharacteristically, the Blue Jays started Saturday's game sluggishly, but were able to end the first half with a 6-1 run. Sophomore Kate Heritage scored two goals and tallied two assists during the spurt as Hopkins took a 9-3 halftime advantage.

Hopkins then, in their usual flow, scored the first eight goals of the second half to seal the victory. The Jays

are now 5-2 overall and 4-0 in the Centennial Conference.

Ten players tallied goals on Saturday, with Popham leading the way with four goals plus two assists. Senior co-captain Cathy Dancz and sophomore point leader Danielle Maschuci each contributed three goals. Heritage, juniors Neda Dawood and Laurie Better each added two goals apiece. Freshman Lauren Carney came off the bench to score three points with a goal and two assists.

Junior Nancy Kim scored a goal and an assist, while senior Heather Pertel and sophomore Elizabeth Koza each scored a point.

Popham, who head coach Janine Tucker described as the team's "secret weapon", has made a tremendous impact in the Blue Jays offense since returning from an injury sustained during the second game of the season.

In the last three games, the starting center has tallied 10 goals and added six assists. For her efforts, she was named the Centennial Conference Co-Player of the Week. Maschuci continued her mastery of the opposing defenses with 10 goals last week. She has scored at least one

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FILE PHOTO

Sophomores Elizabeth Koza and Danielle Maschuci fight it out for a ground ball.

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Have a nice day!

A tribute to some of the nicest people on the Homewood campus

The Registrar: Patient, polite and just plain nice



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BY NEAL DILTOPAGLEHAI
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We've all had the honor of meeting them. They give us a warm smile and make us feel better when we're trying to drop a class we've been failing. They're the people the undergrads all collectively refer to as the "Registrar's Office," including Midge "the BOSS" Davis, the undergraduate supervisor, Karen Maddox, Jane Gallagher, Linda Burkhardt, Elisa Jones and Josh Margolis. Marylou Bates and Lisa Enders work with the grad students. Other important people in the Office include Yvonne Johnson, Betsy Railey (associate registrar) and Hedy Schaedal, who is the registrar. (Yes, there really is a person who is the "Registrar.")

Midge Davis, the supervisor for the undergraduates, referred to her job as "wonderful." She said what she and most of her colleagues like about their jobs in the Registrar's Office, is that every day is different. "It adds spontaneity to our work," said the Boss. She added, "We have the nicest students and we love working with them," though she admitted that "some days it seems like we see every

student at this university and other days it's the exact opposite." According to Davis, the reason that Hopkins has an Registrar's Office with such good relations with the student body is because, when they are selecting people to work in the office, they specifically look for people who are patient, polite and above all, who like working with people.

The student body at JHU feels that the Registrar's Office is one of the nicest offices on campus because "they're always smiling and very polite," as one student said. Another student said, "They love to help you out in any and every way that they can." Victoria Carroll, a freshman, emphatically said, "Many of my friends at other colleges have so many problems with their Registrar's Offices so I love it that we have a Registrar's Office that does everything in their power to help us out and expedite the process of registering as well as ADD/DROP." Carroll added, "The simple smile and polite 'hello' that the people at the office give us when we are there really means a lot."

Congratulations to the Registrar's Office on a job well done!

Campus ministries: Spiritual guidance with a smile

BY LIISA HANTSOO
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Upon entering the Johns Hopkins Campus Ministries Office, one is immediately struck by the friendly, comfortable atmosphere of the small office, located next to Wood House in AMRI. Campus Ministries, a department run through Homewood Student Affairs, is staffed by Chaplain Sharon Kugler and Rabbi Joseph Katz.

Visitors are welcomed by the receptionist, Sandy Kirt, who invites visitors to have a seat in the waiting area, which is reminiscent of a casual living room—pillowy couches surround a coffee table scattered with magazines, and lamps radiate a warm glow. Kirt makes visitors feel at home, offering hot tea and coffee, and chatting with students as they wait for their appointments. In fact, students feel that Kirt is just as integral to the hospitable atmosphere of the office as the other staff members.

Kugler and Katz are part of the professional religious staff of Campus Ministries. Kugler, who serves as Chaplain, explains that she is "here as an interfaith appointment—to work with people of all religions—not just students, but also faculty and staff." The purpose of Campus Ministries is to "provide pastoral support, to offer

a hospitable atmosphere, so people can feel comfortable to come and talk... or just eat candy," Kugler said, laughing.

Kugler and Katz listen to the troubles, concerns, and triumphs of

ing with a death, or questioning one's faith. At other times, students simply stop by to share a recent accomplishment or a piece of good news. Whatever the situation may be, Kugler quickly puts students at ease, with her friendly smile and warm laugh. Katz is equally as approachable, with an open, jovial manner.

Freshman Dominica Stuckey, who works in the office, says of Kugler, "She has a cheery disposition—she's always happy. Every time I have a problem, I can go to her. She's very nonjudgmental, very loving. She sees the best in people, and you can tell she cares about people." Stuckey also mentions Kirt as an vital component to the office—"Sandy [Kirt] is cool!" Another freshman, Miriam Shapiro, knows Kugler through the Interfaith Council, which is a group of students representing different religious backgrounds, facilitated by Kugler. Shapiro attributes her involvement with Interfaith Council to the guidance of Kugler—"My involvement is largely due to Sharon [Kugler]. She is a wonderful person, who brings a lot to the campus." Shapiro also mentions Katz, stating that he and Kugler are "both really open to students. They provide a wonderful resource, and are advocates for the students."



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Chaplain Sharon Kugler of Campus Ministries started off a discussion seminar with Dr. Principe as the guest speaker. Students from various religious backgrounds attended.

students, "with an ear to the spiritual." Sometimes the topics of conversation can be heavy, such as deal-



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How can we forget to name the Arts & Sciences Academic Advising Office as one of the nicest offices/departments of campus? Here, Dr. Sanders gives advice (what else?) to a Hopkins student (who else?). Look at B2 for more.

Welcome to our world: A pocketless, breeze-vulnerable world of dress

E-Level's Drag Dance provides not only drinking, dancing and professional entertainment, but a night of hands-on education

IAN SCHULER Takin' a drag

Saturday night was no average night at E-Level. The traditionally conservative atmosphere was replaced by an eccentric, unashamed revelry.

No, I'm not talking about Eighties Night. I'm talking about the Drag Dance sponsored by D-SAGA, Ole, and the Black Student Union. It was a night not only to dance and drink, but to learn. And to laugh at your friends.

The room was covered in pink triangles containing quotes and names of historical figures who were gay. Merely dressing in drag was quite a learning experience; enough to make me think that perhaps all students should be required to cross-dress as a part of their undergraduate education. (There's one for the Curriculum Board.)

I must admit that this was not the first time I have ever worn a dress, as any witness to my short-lived a

cappella career can attest, however it was the first time I spent any significant amount of time in a dress. The experience was very educational. If you can't truly understand what someone is going through until you've walked a mile in their shoes, then imagine what insight can be gleaned from dancing all night in their dress.

The first lesson I learned, and learned well, was that, in general, sexy

fort each time the door next to me was opened—you'll recall that Saturday was a chilly night) and quipped, "Welcome to our world."

Second, I began to realize just how many things in this world were not designed by people with breasts. Pool, for instance, takes on a new degree of difficulty if your chest gets in the way of many of your shots. Finally, I concluded that clothes without pockets suck.

I'm not sure if it was the atmosphere of the night or just being in a dress, but I found myself doing more stereotypically female things. I danced a little different; I sat at the bar and waited for someone to buy me a drink. At one

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women's clothes offer absolutely no protection from cold weather. The "breeze factor" would be a painful reminder of this throughout the night. One girl noticed my physical discom-



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It's a man! It's a woman! No, it's a drag queen playing pool with two other drag queens at E-Level's Drag Dance, sponsored by D-SAGA, Ole and the Black Student Union. An educational experience, if there ever was one, filled with "eccentric, unashamed revelry" and the added comfort of going to the restroom in a dress.

NICEST PEOPLE ON CAMPUS FOCUS

Meet shuttle bus driver, Bill Gray

BY BARBARA KIVIAZ
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Sitting on a wooden bench outside the Security Office behind Shriver Hall, a man wears a blue jacket with block lettering that reads "Hofmann Bus Company." Bill Gray, as his name tag indicates, takes a cigarette break and a little time to talk about his job between Saturday runs of the JHMI (Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions) shuttle. Gray, a Baltimore native, briefly drove the shuttle seven years ago, and recently has been driving it since last October. Aside from his full-time job of driving the JHMI shuttle, a full-fledged school bus which runs between Homewood, Peabody and the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Gray owns his own painting company, and is a twenty-one-year member of the Maryland Army National Guard.

As an employee of the Hofmann/Ryder Bus Company, Gray has driven school buses for Baltimore City Schools and the Baltimore Association for Retired Citizens, but he says that he most enjoys driving the JHMI shuttle. He prefers dealing with adults to children, but he does acknowledge that driving the shuttle is actually harder than driving a regular public school bus. Keeping to a tight schedule, Gray must drive the bus through Baltimore City during both morning and evening rush hours each day. That's a feat, considering that the shuttle route includes maneuvering a fifty-foot school bus through downtown Baltimore.

So, how does Gray feel about Baltimore City drivers in general? He noted that there are bad drivers in all cities, and that people have a tendency to try some pretty risky moves in order not to be behind a bus. He pointed out that such behavior be-



FILE PHOTO

We can always count on the JHMI shuttle bus drivers to give us a free ride to Penn Station, Peabody or the Hospital, and back home, of course.

hind the wheel is often not the best way to deal with school buses. "Face it," he said, "it's a school bus. It could be your children on there."

Despite the occasional aggressive driver, Gray enjoys the bus route and the Hopkins affiliates who ride it. Most people thank him as they leave the bus, and he gladly returns the pleasantry. Of course, he does have one pet peeve with the riders and that is the trash they leave behind them on the seats.

Gray naturally expects more from those associated with Johns Hopkins, so to the riders of the JHMI shuttle a piece of advice: There is a trash can at the front of the bus. Don't be afraid to use it!

At 2:00 p.m., Gray rises from his seat outside the Security Office and heads back to the bus. More time to relax would be nice, but there is a schedule to keep, so the JHMI shuttle driver heads to his post behind the giant black wheel. With a turn of a crank, he closes the door, and drives off down the road. Destination: JHMI.

Volunteers need support, too

BY SWATI RAWANI
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Every Hopkins student has walked into the Registrar's Office or the Office of Academic Advising at some point or another during his years at Hopkins. But how many have walked into the Office of Volunteer Services? As a student, you don't need to go to Volunteer Services; it is completely optional. But those who do take the time to see what this office has to offer will leave with a feeling of graciousness that they will never forget.

Volunteer Services is located (or hidden) on the second floor of Levering. It is a nice, comfortable place with a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere. Students who volunteer in any of the several programs offered by Volunteer Services often go there during non-class hours to do their homework, eat lunch, chat or simply take a quick nap.

Tutorial Project, Computer/Job Skills, Adult Education Cooperative, Best Buddies, Safe & Smart Homework Club, and Jail Tutorial are some of the many volunteer programs that are offered by the OVS. Many volunteers are very happy with the program they are involved in and their only regret is that they didn't start volunteering sooner. "All programs are run by students and the directors are very supportive of the volunteer activities," says Rebecca DuLaney, an organizer for the Tutorial Project and co-director of Computer/Job Skills program.

Karen Shahar, Student Council Community Affairs Chair this year, has been extremely involved with OVS. Shahar is also co-directing the new JHU C.A.L.L. (Johns Hopkins University, Counseling, Advice and Listening Line) with Tara Nussbaum. Shahar states, "The hotline was originally started by myself and Tara. We approached OVS to see if this was even a possible project. They supported us and encouraged us to give it a try. They [Bill Tiffenworth, director of OVS] gave us a lot of suggestions in terms of how to start it, who to contact and how to target the students and publicity. Overall, I would have to say that OVS is a wonderful service that really cares about the students and the various projects."

Students find themselves in the volunteer office for several reasons. Many enjoy being with kids, some want to meet new people and there are others who just want to help out the community by providing their services. DuLaney volunteers for the Tutorial Project because she has fun being with kids and she finds the fixed tutoring times convenient for her schedule.

Benedicta Kim loves to volunteer for the Tutorial project because she loves the energy and the enthusiasm that comes with the program: The kids are always running around and everyone is having fun.

Regardless of the reasons, students are grateful for the valuable experiences that they have gained by volunteering. And they have the Office of Volunteer Services to thank for being so supportive and allowing them to learn the value of lending a helping hand.

You've already met some of the nicest individuals on campus, like "Ms. D" from the Wolman Cafeteria, Mr. Gorham from the MSEI's front desk, Ms. Monto, a from Levering Union and "Mama" from Wolman Hall's front desk, who have a gift of making your day with their personal touches. This week, we bring you some of the nicest offices and departments on campus.



It's Academic Advising!

BY DAVID FITTER
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How often do we take the time to realize that without Academic Advising most of us wouldn't be graduating from this fine university? The job of the Academic Advisors encompasses almost every facet of the school, from the high school graduates who are entering the school to the future doctors and lawyers who are saying farewell.

Academic Advising has a yearlong job. In the summer, they process the freshmen preregistration information, which includes making sure that each student is on the right track and



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Associate Dean for Academic Advising, Dr. Martha Roseman, heads the Office of Academic Advising in Mergenthaler 235.

matching freshmen with their future advisors. T.A. orientations is another summer event run by the men and women of Academic Advising.

During the academic year, the of-

fice is kept busy making sure that graduate students are fulfilling their requirements, as well as advising undergraduates on classes and their majors. Another aspect of Academic Advising is that they choose students for various scholarships and fellowships. Study Abroad, tutoring and internships are all run through Academic Advising.

A large part of the job of the Academic Advising Office is taking care of the premedical and prelaw students. With the entire office devoted to these students, these men and women do not let the students of Hopkins down. Yet, while their job looks rewarding, there are certain drawbacks, such as placing students on Academic Probation. It is an element of the job that they do not enjoy, but must do. Dr. Ruth Aranow compares it with a splash of cold water that will hopefully wake the student up.

Often, you walk into the office wondering what you are going to do with your schedule, how you are going to fit in all of the classes that you need or what major you want to be. While they may not be able to tell you what you should do with your life, the staff is usually able to help you with your schedule, and advise you on what classes to take.

Where would we students be if it had not been for the help of these benevolent men and women? The Office of Academic Advising, with their devoted staff, aid the Hopkins students down that path of uncertainty called life. So, the next time you enter their office wondering what to do, bring a box of chocolates, maybe a flower or two, or at least thank them profusely on your way out the door. For we all know the power lies in their hands.



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Ms. Sidney Green and Ms. Pat Powers (not pictured) are the first to greet you when you enter the Academic Advising Office and to direct you to appropriate persons.

Special Collections: Unexplored treasures await

BY EMILY SCHUSTER
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The Milton S. Eisenhower Library. You may go there to wander through the narrow passageways of the stacks, to sit with your eyes glued to the information superhighway, or to slouch on a sofa with a novel you should have read for class last month. But you usually don't venture down into the depths of the underground levels expecting to find a smiling face, a cheerful voice or some expert advice. But that is probably because you've never been to Special Collections.

Most D-Level-bound students catch a glimpse of Special Collections as they pass by A-Level on the main stairwell of the library. But most never think to go inside. I know I didn't. With its dark hardwood table and soft lighting, all visible from the stairwell through a large glass wall, it looked too nice for the likes of us undergrads. But then I found myself in need of some university archives for a research project. Someone pointed me to Special Collections, and there I found not only a great resource, but some of the nicest people I've run into at Hopkins.

From the start, I was amazed at how friendly and helpful the staff was.

They retrieved lots of files for me and also referred me to other helpful sources. My first day in there, we chatted a little as I pored over their archives. The next day, I came back to do more research and found that some of the staff had been making phone calls to find me more sources while I was gone.

According to Special Collections Curator Cynthia Requardt, the department's policies can be a little aggravating to undergraduates. Because many of their books are rare and fragile, they must be kept in a closed stack area. Students have to register to use the books and may not take them out of the reading room. But the staff is taking steps to encourage undergraduates to use the room—they put in the glass wall, set up displays upstairs in the library and have initiated programs with professors, requiring students to use the materials in Special Collections as part of their course work. Seven classes are scheduled to use the department's materials in April.

And there are plenty of materials to be used. Though the books are mainly humanities-oriented, there's a wide variety. Historians of science might be interested in a sixteenth-century anatomy book, one of the first to



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Special Collections Curator Cynthia Requardt points out some rare books.

diagram the inside of the human body (although inaccurately, as Requardt points out). There's also a First Folio of Shakespeare, where the printer was evidently running out of room and had to abbreviate and squash together words on the last page of *Troilus and Cressida*.

Because you cannot photocopy or remove most of the materials and the room is only open weekdays, students often have to make repeat trips to use the collections. But this is a great way to get to know the staff. Requardt

enjoys getting to know students and others who frequent the collections—she remembers a dean from the University of Texas who came in so often that she ended up sending the staff presents. Many students who begin using Special Collections as part of a class later come back on their own. Requardt says that they like the quiet, pretty reading room. But I'd wager that some of the pleasantness of the Special Collections atmosphere comes from the friendliness and dedication of its staff.



COURTESY OF OFFICE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES
Hopkins Tutorial tutees and tutors take a little time out to smile for the camera.

FEATURES

Toto, I don't think we're at Johns Hopkins anymore

They've been at Hopkins for nearly four years. Once they finish up at JHU, Hopkins seniors have to figure out where to go next.



FILE PHOTO

A graduating senior stands next to JHU President William Brody at last year's commencement ceremony. This year's seniors, who soon face graduation, are already having to plan for life after Hopkins.

BY ALLAN MASSIE
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This May, Hopkins' senior class will graduate from college.

The next day, eight-hundred-odd young Hopkins graduates will enter the real world.

As graduation grows closer and closer, JHU seniors are planning where to go from here. Some will go

"I probably would have put a little more time into my studies."

—LISA MEYERS

on to graduate school; some have a job (or several jobs) waiting for them after graduation; some don't know what they want to do yet.

For all of them, deciding how to face life after Hopkins is a big step.

As they finish up their last semester, many seniors are sending out résumés, filling out applications and nervously waiting to hear from employers or graduate schools.

Senior Jennifer Lee hopes one day to be a lawyer. For now, she's applying for paralegal positions, hoping to get practical experience in the field before law school. She's been on the job search for about a month, looking mainly through the career center's JobTrak on-line service.

Lee has yet to find a job. "I've been sending out my résumés, but I haven't heard from anyone," she says. She estimates that she has sent out about ten résumés.

"I just decided to go pre-law this last semester," says Lee, who will graduate with a degree in public health. "Now that I decided to go into that, I haven't really prepared for it."

David Duong has had better luck. He has a social work job with the State of Maryland waiting for him after graduation. He plans to work at that job for a year and apply to med. school, entering med. school the year after next.

Duong began his job search in early March. "I was lucky," he says. "My roommate used to work there—that's how I got my connections, actually."

Duong's job for next year is well outside of his major at Hopkins, chemistry. However, he believes that his schoolwork here gave him good preparation for chemistry-related jobs.

Erin McFeely, a psychology pre-med, also plans to do social work next year. McFeely will enter a program called the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Her long-term plans? "I don't really know."

I guess I'm taking the time now to think about it," McFeely considers medical school a possibility for her future, but she's not committed to the idea. "I've entertained ideas from investment banking to corporate exercise management."

Lisa Meyers, a social and behavioral sciences area major, has a summer job on campus after graduation. After that, she says, "I'm picking up and moving to Boston. I'm not sure what I'm going to do yet."

Meyers has not begun an active job search, but states that she has "contacted a few connections" in the field of child counseling. She feels qualified for jobs in the field, but states, "I think it's more from the practical experiences I've had than the classes I've had."

Psychology major Andrew Malone doesn't yet know exactly what he wants to do after graduation. "I have some sort of plan, but it lacks specifics," he says. Malone wants to stay in Baltimore, working for a year while he applies to graduate school in music. What sort of work is he looking for? "That's the specifics that are lacking."

Malone feels confident that he can find a job in the area. However, he admits to having been "kind of lazy about it."

The opportunity's here

Looking for a job can give seniors a new perspective on their college life. When asked, many seniors were able to point to ways they would have handled college differently if they could do it over again.

McFeely says she wishes she had

taken a broader variety of courses as a freshman. She feels she would have been better off if Hopkins had imposed more structure on her freshman year. "As much as I like the fact that this school doesn't have a core curriculum," she says, a more structured freshman year "would have given me a little more guidance."

McFeely says that, if she had had

"I would have spent less time studying."

—JENNIFER LEE

more exposure to other disciplines at the start of her college career, she might have chosen a different path. Her senior year, she discovered that she liked economics. "I've had some time to broaden my horizons," she says, "but it's a bit late."

Meyers says that she "probably would have put a little more time into my studies. Maybe put some more time into things, instead of blowing them off."

Lee, on the other hand, says, "I would have spent less time studying. I think I'd spend more time with my friends. I wish I'd done that more." Lee also believes she would have been better off choosing a major such as international relations or political science, rather than public health.

Duong can't think of anything he would have done differently; he believes that his four years at Hopkins have prepared him for the future he wants. "The opportunity's here," he says. "I don't think everybody makes those decisions, but they're definitely here."

Risky business on the JHU campus

The vendors outside of Levering: Where to buy all sorts of stuff

BY ANITA ALVES
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Sunny days revive a miniature swap meet in the area just under the steps leading into Levering Union. Vendors sell a variety of products ranging from sweatshirts and sweatpants to jewelry, books, CDs and handicrafts outside of the building. The vendors come from near and far to make deals with students, faculty, staff and visitors to the Johns Hopkins University campus.

Almost anything other than

Monty Schapiro sells everything from Marx to Montesquieu to books dealing with statics and historical subjects.

Hopkins-labeled merchandise can be sold outside Levering, according to Rhonda Jefferson, Administrative Assistant for Hopkins Union/Student Activities located inside Merryman Hall.

Monty Schapiro, a traveling vendor from Luftmensch Books in New York City, specializes in scholarly thematic used books. He sells everything from Marx to Montesquieu to books

dealing with statics and historical subjects. He also has rare special interest finds such as books dealing with exorcisms and other ghostly topics.

Schapiro describes himself as one of many "itinerant book sellers."

"This is my second time at Hopkins," Schapiro said. "If I'm in town and the weather's good, I'll come out. I had fair business last time, so I'll see today." Schapiro, a librarian by profession, "sells books anywhere from in front of Levering to the streets of New York."

Many vendors like Schapiro travel between cities and universities selling their merchandise on the road.

Dennis, a vendor from Hejira Music in Syracuse, New York is another vender who has taken it on the road. Dennis has been traveling throughout the New England area for the last five years selling CDs and cassettes at discounted prices.

"Some people just get tired of the repetition of a store and take it on the road," Dennis said. "They get stir crazy waiting around for customers. I personally like the freedom of traveling."

College vending is a risky business, according to Dennis, a veteran in the business of college vending.

"Sales are up and down," says Dennis. "Whatever the time of year, it's a quirky business. I just ride the roller coaster of college vending. I've been doing this for fifteen years. The vendors that are at it awhile are the survivors."

Hopkins, like other colleges and universities, requires an arrangement to be made with student activities before a vendor can set up and begin

selling merchandise.

"There is a standard agreement that the vendors need to make to abide by the rules and regulations of the university," says Rhonda Jefferson, in charge of the process. There is also a \$30 fee for space per day vending.

Two to three spaces are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. but there is basically no competition for space.

"We prefer that the vendors call in advance," says Jefferson. "But some local vendors call the day off."

Some vendors feel that Hopkins' vendor policies are more lenient than those of other campuses. This makes Hopkins more attractive to college vendors.

"Hopkins is unusual," Schapiro said. "It's more relaxed than other campuses."

Because of subcontracting with university bookstores, it's hard for booksellers to vend on campuses without getting involved with the campus bookseller's legal staff, according to Schapiro.

"I've never had a problem at Hopkins," Schapiro said.

Because much of the merchandise is hand-crafted or second hand, there are no guarantees or quality control of the items. However, both the products and the friendliness of the vendors seem to generally impress students browsing tables.

"If they paid me to give tours," said newly inducted Blue Key Society member, Rey DelRosario. "I would buy something. But, I've made friends with some of the vendors, and they're really cool."



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Students browse CDs at a table outside Levering hall. The vendors outside of Levering often number two or three per day, and their wares can always offer a few minutes' diversion for Hopkins students on lunch break.

The drag queens take over E-Level

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point another drag beauty, in a stunning white dress, came up to me and asked if I wanted to go to the bathroom—which I must admit is a lot easier in a dress.

The professionals

Upon walking into the Great Hall

She looked my way and my glance caught hers. The next thing I knew, she had her arms around me and was running her hands through my hair.

the first thing you noticed, well, besides all the people dancing in drag... okay, the second thing that you noticed was a catwalk that extended into the middle of the room.

This wasn't constructed just so that the computer science majors could show off their particularly good taste in

women's apparel, but rather for the professional entertainment meant to thrill us later that evening.

And thrill they did! I really forgot that they were men as they danced, sang, and even stripped. Four Queens did two performances each. A performance included a choreographed lip-synch. All four did a wonderful job, especially Mrs. Brandywine who stripped down to a leopard skin, spandex body suit in her first performance and an even smaller, tighter outfit for her second.

At one point in the performance I found myself standing a little too close (or just close enough) to the catwalk. One of the "girls" (whose name I've forgotten as part of my therapy) began to evoke a little audience participation.

She looked my way and my glance caught hers. The next thing I knew, she had her arms around me and was running her hands through my hair.

The most interesting part of my evening however was probably trying to explain my appearance to the security guard who had to let me back into my room (back to the no pockets rule). That aside, you couldn't ask for a better night at E-Level.



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They'll regret it in the morning: News-Letter staff writer Ian Schuler, Scott Canna, and News-Letter photography editor Doug Housman cavort in E-Level during Drag Night. Schuler later had an up-close-and-personal encounter with a professional drag queen performer.



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Two men in drag pose for the camera at Saturday's Drag Night at E-Level. The one on the right shows off his garter belt; the one on the left proudly grips his stick. The event is a part of a month-long series of events sponsored by the Diverse Sexuality and Gender Alliance.

FEATURES

Living in a chemical world

Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society visit schools

BY SARA BILLARD
News-Letter Staff

The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society here at Hopkins want to entice elementary school children with the aid of certain chemical substances.

Polyvinyl alcohol and sodium borate, to be exact.

"We make slime by mixing the two liquids together," president Robert "ditar" diTargiani explained. "The kids love it."

In an attempt to combine community service with a love of chemistry, the society started doing chemistry demonstrations at local

elementary schools, including Rider Wood and Mount Washington, earlier this year. The club wanted to bring chemistry labs that the children are not ordinarily able to see to the schools.

"The main purpose [of the project]," maintained vice-president Steve Sozio, "is to make science fun for elementary school people so they don't view it as a field they don't want to go into."

Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) reformed in 1994 under the leadership of the advisor, Doctor John Toscano, to bring people that have an interest in chemistry together. Since then, the club has gone from a tiny group of a few people to an important part of the chemistry undergraduate department.

"When Steve and I first started, there were about four or five people just sitting around at the meetings," diTargiani asserted. "Now there's around twenty."

More than sixty people, in total, wish to be emailed about the events and progress of the group.

SAACS does more than just community service activities. The upperclassmen of the group give advice to other chemistry majors about what classes to take in the upcoming year, as well as possibilities for internships, jobs, and research positions in the field.

"As seniors, Steve and I have pretty much taken all of the

requirements that are needed for the major," diTargiani explained. "People usually ask if it's a good idea to take Physical Chemistry with some other course, or which two upper level classes to take."

The club also plans to have professors come in to talk about independent research opportunities later on this semester.

The other officers of SAACS include the secretary, senior Rahul Anand, and the treasurer, junior Laleh

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Golkar.

Golkar was primarily responsible for booking the elementary schools for the demonstrations, which also include acid/base reaction changes and a liquid nitrogen experiment. The next demonstration is tentatively planned for April 24th, but the exact date will be decided upon at the next meeting on Thursday, April 9th, from 4 to 5 pm in Remson 140.

Other plans for SAACS include a party with members, graduate students and faculty. The theme of last year's party included a celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the electron, and this year's possible themes include the anniversary of the Bohr atom.

"Last year's party was really great,"



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN TOSCANO

Officers of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society amaze students at Mt. Washington Elementary. Steve Sozio pipets NaOH into an Erlenmeyer flask as Rob diTargiani stirs a solution and Rahul Anand supervises the activity.

Sozio enthused. "All the graduate students and faculty interacted really well with the members. I hope we can do it again this year."

The members are also enthusiastic about other improvements of the organization. One sophomore, who prefers to remain anonymous, stated that the advice from the other chemistry majors really made her Fall semester course selection much easier.

"Not only is the president really hot," she plainly stated, "but he really helped with course selection. I can't wait for the meeting about research opportunities, because there really aren't enough valuable clubs for people interested in science."

DiTargiani, who was the president of a similar club while in high school, wanted to point out that although the club's primary aim is to help out undergraduates majoring in chemistry, anyone is welcome to attend the meetings and that attendance to the meetings is not mandatory to be a part of the group.

"I really want people to know that [SAACS] exists, and that it's open to anyone," he said. "Anyone can go and do one of the demonstrations, you just have to show interest."

Sozio recommends participating in the chemistry demonstrations, even if you are not part of the chemistry department.

"It's really great to see how much the kids enjoy it, and how much we can give back to them," he stated.

It's amazing what a little bit of slime can do.

Anyone interested in joining in the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society or just participating in the demonstrations, can contact the officers at saacs@jhu.edu.

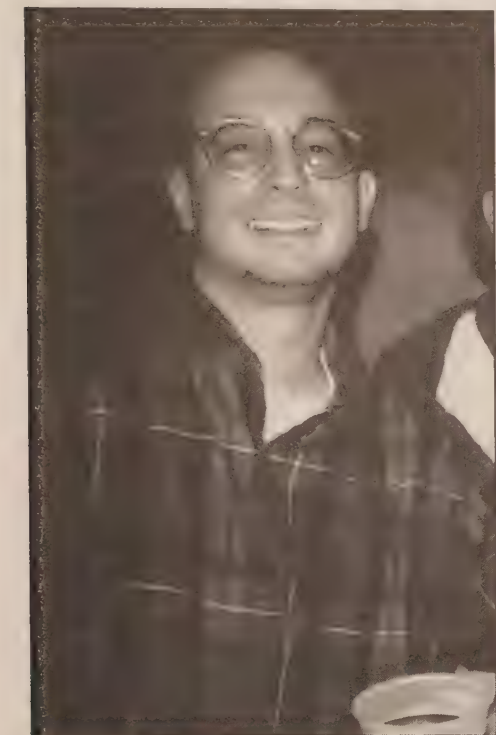


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President of SAACS, Robert diTargiani, hopes to bring together a love of science and community service by putting on chemistry lab demonstrations for local elementary school children.

Multi-employed student employees

Hopkins students attempt to cope with classes and several part-time job positions

BY YOUNG CHANG
News-Letter Staff

Senior Lance Wahlert has four jobs. He is a research assistant for the Hopkins Medical School History of Science Archives. He is a freelancer for a New York-based magazine and often their liaison to the Baltimore scene. He is an assistant to local medical researchers in the area hospitals. He is a teacher of English and writing to local high school kids.

And on top of it all, Wahlert is a full-time Hopkins student studying in the department of English and the Humanities.

With student employment on a steady rise since the late 1980's, a majority of the student body is reportedly employed with or without pay. But a recent trend among Hopkins students is not merely that the majority is employed, but that they are profusely employed.

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some were non-paying research positions, and some were non-paying newspaper internships. According to career services, most pre-med students here hold research internships throughout the academic year for which they receive credit but no pay. These usually require a minimum of 40 hours per credit.

Non-hospital related jobs range from working behind the counter at Donna's Coffee shop in Gilman to interning for credit at Baltimore Magazine.

But each remains a job, and that means something that takes time. With an ungruely Hopkins workload and the full-time student status, these students are like performers in a juggling act.

As National Student Employment Week comes to an end, it is appropriate to recognize and spend a day in the life of a few of our most remarkable jugglers.

So Wahlert has four jobs. In addition to the tasks he considers "jobs," though, he is also the Arts co-editor for the Hopkins News-Letter, a time-consuming position that is, of course, without pay.

But to look at Wahlert, you would never guess this jam-packed lifestyle. With his ever-alternatively fashioned attire and thoughtful demeanor, Wahlert's eyes are never half-closed nor belabored with dark bags. He is friendly and conversational, exuding at the same time, however, a quietude of mellowness you just can't ignore. You have to wonder how he does it.

"I'm supporting myself this year," he says smiling. A recipient of three scholarships as well as the full Louis Azrael Fellowship won most recently during his junior year, Wahlert has taken full responsibility,

without parental aid, for the remaining expenses such as books, rent and bills.

"It's demanding to have so many responsibilities," he says, "but the fact that I've managed to find employment in a variety of different fields has enabled me to prioritize my roles as student, teacher, researcher and general employee."

Junior Grace Lee has held five jobs at once. Last semester Lee worked as an undergraduate T.A. for one business class, as a student assistant for OMSA (Office of Multicultural Student Affairs) fulfilling secretarial duties, as a housing monitor in the AMR's, as a waitress in Jeannier's, and finally, as a server for Innovative Gourmet, a Baltimore catering service. And yes, on top of it all she was a full-time International Relations major.

Lee worked 45-50 hours a week, serving as a waitress both on the weekdays and weekends.

"The worst was waitressing," she says, "because afterwards you're so tired you can't even study, and you just have to go to bed." Lee currently holds two jobs, one as a T.A. and the other as a cocktail waitress at the Waterstreet Exchange on Friday nights.



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Despite the distraction of people constantly coming and going, one HUT monitor tries to study while on the job. For many Hopkins students, the task of juggling a job and schoolwork is tricky yet common, but they deal.

Working the system of room selection

It's been almost a week since room selection came and went, but the excitement is still hovering. Picking your own room with your own roommates is so exhilarating. It's almost as big an adrenaline rush as watching The World's Strongest Man competition on ESPN.

TOM GUTTING
From the Gutt

Room selection started on a good note, as my roommate, Dan and I got a good lottery number, 29. We were confident that we would be able to get the room we wanted. So we poured over floor plans for a week leading up to contract signing day.

The biggest worry for Dan and me was the four-minute time limit to pick our room once our name was called. How could we be expected to choose one room out of so many in such a short time? I was scared we would lose our turn because we were lost in a confusing sea of endless square footages and room numbers.

What if we forgot that McCoy 316A was slightly smaller than 316B? Or what if I said we wanted to live in Wolman instead of McCoy? What if the person working behind the desk was mean and impatient, like one of the Wolman lunch ladies?

That's a lot to burden your head with. We studied floor plans longer and harder than anyone would for a Calc III test because we wanted to find some hidden advantage that would give us the best room. And we wanted the straight facts on everything about Hopkins housing.

The first question we needed to address was which dorm we wanted to live in. Wolman, McCoy or the Bradford? The Bradford has some spacious apartments, but Dan and I feel like satisfying our primitive urge to live communally for another year. That left us with Wolman or McCoy, which was an easy choice. In Wolman there is a nasty tendency to have the smell of Wolman Station food inundate every floor for hours on end. So we picked McCoy.

With that extremely important choice made, we were ready to figure out which room to get. Luckily Hopkins rewards laziness by putting floor plans on the Internet, making it possible for Dan and I to consult without leaving our rooms.

I was terribly confused by the multi-colored maps at first. I could see the room numbers, but I didn't understand why there was a second number underneath that. After a couple days I finally realized the number was the room's square footage. (Don't laugh. That's not something a Writing Sems major thinks about every day.)

By the time I straightened out that complication, Dan and I were ready with a highly scientific process to pick the best Hopkins dorm room. The process consisted of deciding that we didn't give a damn about getting a view of the Beach outside our win-

dow because all we wanted was the biggest possible room.

It didn't take too long to realize that the 10C rooms were huge—about 25 square feet bigger than any other room in McCoy. One of those 233 square foot palaces became our first choice, followed by the 15C rooms, which were 207 square feet. We were primed. Now we just waited for room selection to begin.

The morning of April 4 was cruel. Not only was it cold and rainy, but we had to get up for a 10 a.m. selection time. The housing people were lucky we had even come home from Friday night by then.

But I managed to roll out of bed and beat my alarm clock to death before stumbling over to the AMR multi-purpose room.

The tension there was incredible. I don't know why. Everyone there had a lottery number under 50, so they had a virtual guarantee of getting the room they want.

Let's face it, we were all just pretentious bastards about it. We sat around crapping our pants thinking, "Oh, no, if I get shut out of a 250-square-foot room and only get 230 square feet, I'll just die."

But that's the way it works. Everybody wants the perfect room. Dan and I are no exceptions. As soon as our

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number was called, we didn't know exactly what to do. Every conceivable last-minute consideration came rushing through our minds.

We panicked. When it was our turn to pick a room, we were both speechless. All we could do was nod or shake our heads. Finally we recovered a bit of our senses. They asked which room we wanted. All the 10Cs were gone. We couldn't make up our minds between 315C or 316A. How good a view of the Beach did we want?

Sweat poured down my forehead and into my eyes. Our four minutes were sliding away. So we flipped a coin. It came up tails, so we took McCoy 315C. The ordeal was over.

Dan and I slunk away from the table, ready to collapse from the intensity of the moment. It was official. We have our room, 207 square feet of pure palace.

But did we make the right choice? Are we happy?

"I think we'll have a nice view of the tree outside," Dan said as we walked over to Terrace Court.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Confessions of a Grease addict

Olivia and John are back, and here's why you shouldn't let the event pass you by

BY KARI ROSENTHAL
News-Letter Staff

When I was three years old, my favorite sentence was: "It's systematic, it's hyyy-dromatic, it's ultromatic...why it's Greased Lightnin'!" While a lot of you know exactly what I am talking about, some of you guys are scratching your heads and thinking, "Huh?" The systematic, hydromatic ultromatic vehicle in question is the p.o.s. car called Greased Lightning, and the words are spoken by none other than Mr. Saturday Night Fever himself, John Travolta. And the movie is, of course, *Grease*, one of the most successful musicals of all time.

Why is such a simple story (boy

meets girl, girl and boy split up, girl sees boy, boy acts like a jerk, girl gets sad, boy tries to win girl back, boy and girl enter dance contest, boy disses girl, girl dresses like a slut and gets boy back) so entrenched in the hearts of so many girls and even some guys? Why did such a silly movie make \$153 million in its original run and another \$12.7 million dollars in the opening weekend of its rerelease 20 years later? I have no idea.

But in the spirit of good journalism, here are my five reasons for a phenomenon that can only be called *Grease*-mania:

1. *Grease* has hidden positive sociological messages. I know, I know, all adults hate the movie because they think that it glamorizes free livin' and

free lovin'. But *Grease* is not just about sex, cars and rock-and-roll. Instead it contains many messages that would make the adults proud. For example the infamous "systematic, hydromatic, ultromatic" Greased Lightning is a lot crappier than the car owned by the bad kids across town. The baddies can even afford matching leather jackets, a good wax job and decal flames on the side of their car. Kenickie can barely afford dice for his rearview mirror. But who, I ask you, wins the drag race? The crappy car. Message? It doesn't matter what kind of car you drive, it just matters what kind of person you are (and whether your name is in the title sequence).

2. *Grease* is really a story about

female empowerment. This is where the movie is most often criticized. Some people will say: "I hate *Grease* because look what Sandy has to do to get Danny. She has to dress in tight leather pants and start smoking." To all these people I say "nay." *Grease* is not about male domination, but about the feminist movement in the 1970s. Take Sandy. At first she was plain old Sandy Olsen, meek cheerleader, dating the captain of the football team, leading an unhappy life and singing wimpy songs like "Hopelessly Devoted to You." She lost her date to a hussy during a dance contest and, instead of saying anything, ran out of the gym crying. At the end of the movie after her leather makeover, Sandy is transformed into a powerful dominatrix. Sure, she's got skin-tight pants and a smoking habit, but now she's got Danny right where she wants him: Wrapped around her finger. In the song "You're the One That I Want," she orders her no-good boyfriend: "You'd better shape up, cause I need a man, who can keep me satisfied." If that ain't "I am woman, hear me roar," nothing is.

3. *Grease* dared to tell the true story about life in the 1950s. When you think of the Fifties, you think about poodle skirts and Elvis Presley and The Hop. But *Grease* dares to tell the darker side of that magical era. Gritty, biting drama about teenage pregnancy, alcoholism, beauty school dropouts, Hand Jives, drag races, lost love and flying Ford Thunderbirds.

4. *Grease* has dialogue comparable to that of William Shakespeare. Ahhh, the Seventies. With such dialogue-driven movies like *Shaft* and *Cannonball Run*, it's hard to believe that a movie could come out and top all those classics. But one did. *Grease* contains such memorable lines as "A hickey from Kenickie is like a Hall-



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Go Grease Lightning! Go Grease Lightning! Go! Go!

mark Card. We care to send the very best." and "Nobody's jugs are bigger than Annette's." But the lines are not as important as the pure acting genius that goes into their delivery. You can actually feel Danny's frustration when he says, "Bite the weenie, Rizzo," and the sexual tension as Rizzo replies, testily, "With relish." Brilliant.

5. *Grease* has dance numbers never before or since duplicated in Ameri-

can cinema. Sure, the popularity of *Grease* begat the awful atrocity that was *Grease 2*. All animosity aside, however, one must admit that there are terrific routines in the original. Think of where we would be without John Travolta's gyrations in "Greased Lightning" or Olivia Newton-John's skipping in "Summertime." Or what this world would be like without the "Hand Jive." A truly scary place indeed.

Rob Pilatus, "singer," dies in Germany

Renowned, disgraced Milli Vanilli lip-syncher dead at 32

The Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany (AP)—Rob Pilatus, a former model whose career as half of the pop music duo Milli Vanilli crashed into disgrace and drug abuse after it was revealed that the group lip-synched its songs, has died, *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper said Sunday. He was 32.

Pilatus apparently was alone when he died in a Frankfurt hotel room late Thursday after consuming alcohol and pills, the newspaper reported.

Pilatus had been drinking Thursday evening, the newspaper quoted Milli Vanilli producer Frank Farian as saying.

"We didn't know though that he

was taking tablets that are very dangerous with alcohol," Farian said, according to the report.

An autopsy was being conducted to determine the exact cause of death, the report said.

Frankfurt police declined to comment on the report.

Pilatus and his Milli Vanilli partner, Fabrice Morvan, won the 1989 best new artist Grammy after hits like "Blame it on the Rain" and "Girl, You Know It's True." But in late 1990, the performers were stripped of the award after it was revealed that neither actually sang on the Milli Vanilli album.

Morvan said in an interview with the VH1 cable music network last year that he and Pilatus were de-

ceived into fronting the phony group.

Pilatus had been in Germany since last fall undergoing a drug withdrawal program, the newspaper quoted Farian as saying.

Pilatus led a troubled life after he was disgraced. In 1996, he was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 180 days at a drug treatment facility in Los Angeles after he pleaded no contest to beating a man with a metal lamp base, assaulting another person and breaking into a parked car.

The son of a U.S. soldier and a German mother, Pilatus was born in New York but grew up in Munich. He worked as a model and dancer before joining Morvan in 1988 to form Milli Vanilli.

Mercury Rising falls flat

BY KARI ROSENTHAL
News-Letter Staff

Ah Bruce Willis, thy praises we sing! Your not-quite-impeccable comic timing, your attempts at panache, your pathetic patches of hair covering a near-bald pate, your buffer-than-thou wife, your Planet Hollywoods, your "singing" (if it can be called that), your incomprehensible muttering, and, lest we forget, *Hudson Hawk*. Ne'er before has such a fine actor graced the silver screen. Eat your heart out, Olivier!

Such skill, such raw talent belongs in *Mercury Rising*, quite possibly the worst movie ever involving a mentally-challenged character. And we're not talking about Bruce. Also starring an over-

twerpy Rambo-wannabe teenagers dead.

Jeffries, diagnosed with paranoia, is pulled out from undercover work and forced into a desk job. One of his first assignments is to find the missing Simon after the kid's parents get offed. When Jeffries finds the little brat—oops, I mean super genius—he thinks that there is more to the story than a simple random act of violence. Which, unfortunately, there is.

Bruce Willis is his normal self in *Rising*—terribly overacted and hilariously self-righteous. Unlike all the *Die Hard* movies and even *Pulp Fiction*, *Rising* tries to play Willis as the straight man for most of the movie.

With his shockingly white hair and deep wrinkles, Willis looks like a cop pushed over the edge, but unfortunately his acting doesn't do the same. As his usual renegade, ne'er-do-well cop, Willis shows less emotional range than a houseplant. Only in his scenes with Simon does Willis show any feeling: namely, frustration at the screaming brat.

That screaming brat is played by Miko Hughes, and although he has great vocal capacity, the same cannot be said for his acting capacity. Hughes' idea of playing an autistic character is to roll his eyes and talk like a robot for the entire movie: "Mom-eee, Si-mon is home!"

The most obnoxious thing about Simon is that every time he looks at a puzzle or a computer screen, the soundtrack plays this annoying computer beep noise. Over and over. We get it! His mind is like a computer! Give us a break!

Baldwin, as the evil mastermind behind the Mercury Project, seems to have been taking lessons at the "School for Evil Masterminds Behind Top-Secret Government Projects." His portrayal of the heartless Kudrow is not only not scary, it's laughable.

The only thing that saves Baldwin from absurdity is the plan itself. When he explains that the Mercury Project is protecting undercover agents in other countries from detection, we almost want him to succeed in killing Simon. And besides, that would get rid of that annoying computer noise.

Shriver series succeeds

Concert Series brings important performers

At Peabody, one can hear on any day of the week a student or faculty recital that certainly merits a journey from Homewood. Ironically though, it is at Homewood, through the Shriver Hall Concert Series, that Peabody students can hear the most important international performers in recital. The chamber music offered is of the highest order. Even though Peabody students hear music con-

elicted in me some strong reservations.

For starters, Bell chose one of the most unimaginative programs in recent memory. I adore every piece on the program, but presenting a parade of only the most familiar music alienates many listeners who desire a rarity brought to life as only a performer of Bell's caliber is able.

Bell and Mulligan started off the concert with Mozart's tragic "E-Minor Sonata." While they played with great poise and with respect for the score, they simply lacked vitality. Unfortunately, their performance reinforced that disturbing stereotype that portrays Mozart's music as light and formulaic. Their reserved approach did work in certain places. Like in the first movement, when they brought grace and resignation to the final restatement of the melody.

The Franck sonata also suffered from a certain malaise. In particular, the dreamy first movement and the mysterious recitative movement stayed static. In the treacherous, wild allegro, Mulligan tore into the instrument, producing a more noisy



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Joshua Bell may be a top-notch violinist, but would he be able to handle James Cameron?

than sonorous forte. I do not know, however, if he is to blame, for there seemed to be dreadfully dry acoustics in the hall.

With such aversions going into intermission, I was thoroughly surprised with how much I enjoyed the second half. Bell and Mulligan's reading of the Brahms was straight-laced, but also honest and direct. It had scope, bringing forth that Brahmsian drive created when he ingeniously recreates melodic material.

In the Gershwin prelude transcriptions, both performers highlighted the jazz to great effect; no doubt Mulligan's real-life ability to moonlight as a jazz pianist helped in the interpretation. The Gershwin lightened up the audience and served as a nice segue to the flashy Wieniawski's showpiece "Gypsy Airs." Bell's approach made the work more superficial and trivial than necessary. His slides were a bit overdone, as if he tried too hard to transform into a true Gypsy fiddler.

Overall, the recital was a mixed success. The pianist, at twenty-five (even younger than Bell himself), is a real find. His relaxed manner about all of the music certainly put Bell at

ease. Indeed, if there was a general problem, it was that both performers' approaches seemed too lackadaisical.

The brochures for next season at Shriver are now available. Highlights include recitals by Gil Shaham, Janos Starker and the Tokyo String Quartet.

Phone 410-516-7164 for more information.

In news back at the Peabody, the Sylvia Adelman Artist Recital featuring Mihaly Virizlay, which I had eagerly anticipated in my previous review, has unfortunately been canceled.

Next week, though, an up-and-coming opera star and Peabody alumna will be singing a recital in the Friedberg Concert Hall. Theodora Hanslowe will sing Schumann and Schönberg among others and will be accompanied by the excellent pianist Mark Markham, a regular recital partner of Jessye Norman. Hanslowe will make her Carnegie Hall debut with a similar program later this season.

Tickets can be purchased by phoning the Peabody box office at 410-659-8124 (Tuesday, April 14, 8:00 P.M.).



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Simon Mulligan helped the Shriver Hall Concert Series to end with success.

the-top Alec Baldwin, *Rising* is like the evil stepchild of *Rain Man* and *Witness* (with an uncle named *The Fugitive*).

The action takes place in Chicago, where an autistic genius named Simon cracks *Mercury*, a top-secret government code inexplicably placed in a game magazine. When Simon calls the game line, super evil guy and National Security Agency bigwig Lt. Kudrow (Baldwin) wants the little brat and his kin wiped off the face of the earth.

The hit goes well—except Simon escapes. Meanwhile, Detective Art Jeffries (Willis) is facing some serious psychological problems after a sting operation backfires and leaves some skinny,

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Puff Daddy's a daddy

There is now a "Puff Baby," Sean "Puffy" Combs and his girlfriend have a bouncing baby boy. They named the kid (what else?) Christopher, after Christopher Wallace, the Notorious B.I.G., whose death is probably the only reason why Puffy has any money, via the Puff Daddy's very overplayed single, "I'll Be Missing You."

Seems that Barney's getting some company in the "let's make toddlers happy and older people insane" department. A fresh import from Britain has touched down on PBS. With Barney bombing big-time at the box office with *Barney's Great Adventure: The Movie*, the new show, *Teletubbies*,

Scary thought of the day: Maybe we'll even get so sick of the Teletubbies that we'll be clamoring for the return of Barney publicity.

has a legitimate shot at winning over marketing for the kiddie population. The target audience for this show is (no joking) one-year-olds. The main characters, Tinky Winky, Dipsy, Laa-Laa and Po, don't speak much sensible English ("eh-oh" means "hello"), so it should be right up the kids' ally. The show, which premiered in Britain in March 1997, has had basically the same impact overseas as Barney has had here: people hate them, people love them. *Teletubbies* even had a number 1 single on the pop charts in Britain. We'll see; maybe we'll even get so sick of them that we'll be clamoring for the return of Barney publicity. And if they do become popular, the English teachers of the nation will have their work cut out for them.

Speaking of lil' kiddies, Michael

LEEASHENDORF Bits & Pieces

Jackson and his wife, Debbie Rowe, had another baby, a girl, on April 3. This one, who joins brother Prince, is named Paris Michael Katherine Jackson.

Nobody's ever heard of Barry Diller, but he's just changed a whole lotta lives. He said that he disapproves of the fights on Jerry Springer's popular talk show, so now they're going to edit out the fights. Why listen to Diller? Because he's the new owner of USA Networks Studios, which distributes *Jerry Springer*. This could potentially decrease the popularity of the former mayor's show. You all did know he was once Mayor of Cincinnati, right? He took office in 1977, and was then caught with a hooker. He wasn't actually seen sleeping with one or anything, but the genius paid her with a check. So then he did the only thing he could do: went into television reporting and, later, the talk-show business. Makes sense to me.

How dangerous is moshing? Well, according to a study done by Crowd Management Strategies in Chicago, 19 people died in rock concerts and festival events in 1997. Now, that's not a whole lot of people, but at rock concerts? The biggest contributor was festival seating, which makes sense; that's when you don't have assigned seats, so you try to get as close as you can, and someone ends up getting crushed under the mob. Another popular way to die at rock concerts is, of course, moshing. Especially in Brazil. I always knew those Brazilians were a wild bunch.

Vivian Trimble, keyboardist for Luscious Jackson, is leaving the group. She's getting worn out by the touring schedule, so she's going to rest by joining a few smaller musical projects on her own. She hadn't expected such a vigorous lifestyle, and the parting was reportedly very amicable. Well, you know what they say: Tour is hell.

On April 3, NBC finally stopped being a completely schmucky net-

work and released Norm MacDonald from his contract with *Saturday Night Live*. The actor had been disgruntled since he was demoted from his cushy job as the SNL "Weekend Update" anchor due to some choice comment which insulted the network. He's slated to have some role in Howard Stern's upcoming CBS show, scheduled to debut in August. The show will compete with *SNL*, and part of MacDonald's role is likely to be in a "Weekend Update"-esque format.

If you were just on your way out the door to buy Lollapalooza tickets, don't bother. The touring music festival, which has been around for seven years, wasn't able to get enough big-name acts to make the tour worthwhile this year, so it has been cancelled. Does this mean

Vivian Trimble, keyboardist for Luscious Jackson, is leaving the group because she's getting worn out by the touring schedule. Well, you know what they say: Tour is hell.

we're stuck with only the angst-ridden Lilith Fair?

Tommy Lee just can't stay out of the news very long, can he? Two years ago, he reportedly attacked a paparazzo. Now, he's headed to civil court, and the reporter has seemingly lost part of his argument. At the time of the fight, Tommy Lee had a swastika tattooed on his arm, which the Jewish paparazzo planned to use in his argument. But Lee has had the tattoo removed, and his lawyers are petitioning to have the swastika barred from being admitted as evidence.

As if the Red Hot Chili Peppers weren't having enough problems, Dave Navarro, the band's eighth guitarist in their turmoil-filled existence (he joined in 1995), has left the band. He has formed his own band, Spread. Chad Smith is drummer for both the Chili Peppers and Spread.

Two major names in music died this week: Rob Pilatus, 32, who was a great actor with Milli Vanilli, even winning a 1989 Grammy for his powerful lip-synching (until it was taken away by the authorities); and Tammy Wynette, 55, a country singer best known for "Stand By Your Man," who also unfortunately had many publicized health problems (See right for obituary).

Wynette, country music star

Oft-ill musician dies at home this week at the age of 55

BY JIM PATTERSON
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 6)—Tammy Wynette, who rose from beautician to "the first lady of country music" with hits including "Stand by Your Man," died Monday. She was 55.

Wynette, who had a history of health problems, died Monday evening at her home, said spokesman Wes Vause. The cause of her death was not immediately disclosed.

Her 1968 top-seller, "Stand by Your Man," which she co-wrote with her producer Billy Sherrill, became her signature song, with its advice to forgive one's mate because "after all, he's just a man." But her throbbing voice in other tunes, such as "Till I Can Make It on My Own," expressed flashes of independence.

She was one of country music's greatest success stories, catapulting from a job in a beauty shop to a three-time winner of the Country Music Association's female vocalist of the year award—1968 to 1970. Only Reba McEntire won the honor more times—four.

She recorded more than 50 albums and sold more than 30 million records.

Country music fans polled for the annual Music City News awards voted her a legend in 1991, but she said it was premature.

"I don't consider myself a legend. I think it's kind of overused," she said.

Throughout her 25-year career, her stormy marriages and hospital stays, even a kidnapping and beating for which no one was ever convicted, threatened to overshadow one of the most successful singing careers in country music history. But she didn't emphasize the negative.

"I've had a wonderful life," she said in a 1991 Associated Press interview. "I absolutely feel I've been blessed tremendously. I can't complain at all."

She even became a part of the 1992 presidential campaign after Hillary Rodham Clinton, stressing that her support of her husband was more than routine, told an interviewer, "I'm not sitting here like some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette."

Wynette replied angrily that Mrs. Clinton "offended every true country music fan and every person who has 'made it on their own' with no one to take them to a White House." She added that if she and the Yale-educated Mrs. Clinton ever met, "I can assure you, in spite of your education, you will find me to be just as bright as yourself."

Mrs. Clinton said she didn't mean to hurt Wynette's feelings, and Wynette later performed at a Clinton fund-raiser.

Besides "Stand by Your Man," Wynette's hits included "D-I-V-O-R-C-E," "I Don't Wanna Play House," "Womanhood," "Take Me to Your World," "Your Good Girl's Gonna Go Bad," "Singing My Song" and "The Ways to Love a Man."

In the fall of 1993, she teamed up with fellow country queens Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn to record the album *Honky Tonk Angels*. She also recorded several duets with country star George Jones, to whom she was married from 1969 to 1975.

Wynette was born Virginia Wynette Pugh on a cotton farm in Itawamba County, Miss. She picked cotton as a child, and as a young woman worked as a waitress, a doctor's receptionist, a barmaid and a shoe factory worker.

In the mid-1960s, she was working as a beautician in Birmingham, Ala., and making periodic 180-mile trips to Nashville in hopes of getting discovered as a singer.

She visited music business offices in Nashville and caught the eye of Grand Ole Opry star Porter Wagoner who asked her to sing at his road shows.

Shortly thereafter, she met record producer Billy Sherrill who recorded her for Epic Records and launched her career.

She was hospitalized for various ailments dozens of times, and admitted in the late 1970s to being dependent on painkilling drugs.

In May 1992, she underwent 14 hours of abdominal surgery to relieve a recurring inflammation of the bile duct. Spokesmen said the surgery was necessary because of complications caused by scars from previous operations. For two weeks in late 1993 and early 1994, she was hospitalized, for a time in critical condition, because of a severe infection the bile duct.

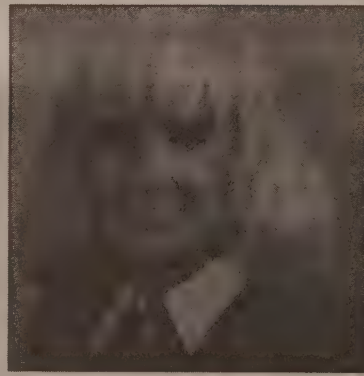
In 1978, Wynette was abducted at a Nashville shopping center, driven 80 miles in her luxury car, beaten and released by a masked assailant. No motive was ever determined and no one was ever arrested, but Wynette said a few years later that the man apparently ended up in prison for another crime.

She filed for bankruptcy in 1988 as a result of a sour investment in two Florida shopping centers.

She was married five times, to her high school sweetheart Euple Byrd; singer Don Chapel; Jones; Nashville real estate executive Michael Tomlin; and singer-songwriter George Richey.

Wynette had five daughters and one son.

Tammy Wynette, Honky Tonk Angel



The Country Music Association's Vocalist of the Year: 1968, 1969, 1970.
Grammy Award winner in 1967 ("I Don't Wanna Play House") and 1969 ("Stand By Your Man")
Association of Country Music's Top Female Vocalist of 1969
She had 32 straight number one country hits

The nineties witnessed one of the most unusual collaborations in musical history: Wynette teamed with British dance band KLF for the single "Justified and Ancient" with the chorus "All bound for Mu Mu Land." The song was a number one hit in 18 countries.

"When Tammy opened her mouth, it was the soul of country music... Tammy, Dolly, and Lorette—that was, and always will be, the heart of this music." —Patty Loveless

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Thursday, April 9

ON CAMPUS

Visiting professor **David Sugarman** from England's University of Lancaster will give this year's **John Hinkley Memorial Lecture** at 4 p.m. in the MSE Library's Garrett Room. Sugarman's lecture, entitled "L.A. Law Encounters the Common Law Mind," will examine the ways in which positive and negative American influences on Britain's long-standing legal institutions and practices are changing the culture of English law. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact the Political Science department at 410-516-7540 for more information.

Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market (located at 1330 Smith Avenue) is sponsoring "**Singles Spring Thing**," a free event for all their single customers with live music by the Capitol Quartet, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 410-532-6700 for more information.

A **Religious Observance** will be held for **Holy Thursday Mass** at 6:00 p.m. in the Newman House.

There will be a **Candidates Forum** for those candidates who make the Run-Offs for **Class Officers** from 6 to 9 p.m. Contact Scott Harris at 410-516-3600 or Winjie Tang at 410-516-3887 for more information.

The **Student Council Diversity Committee** hosts a panel discussion entitled "**Straight Allies in the GLBT Movement**" at 9 p.m. in MSE Library's Garrett Room. The panel will focus on the role of heterosexuals in the gay and lesbian movement. Admission is free. Contact Karen at 410-516-4088 for more information.

OFF CAMPUS

Bohager's in Fells Point hosts the **All Mighty Senators** and **Jah Works** with the **Kelly Bell Band**. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations. Call 410-481-SEAT to charge tickets. Call 410-563-7220 for more information.

The **Rec Room** in Towson hosts **The Recipe and Friends**. Call 410-337-7178 for more information.

Brass Monkey in Fells Point hosts alternative bands **Raksasha**, **Pheromone**, and **Fear Lucky**. You must be 21 or older to attend. There is a \$3 summer cover charge. Call the concert line at 410-522-0784 for more information.

Friday, April 10

ON CAMPUS

A **Religious Observance for Good Friday Mass** will be held at 12:05 p.m. in Levering's Glass Pavilion.

Attend the musical drama "**Why was Jesus Hanging on a Tree?**" at 7:30 p.m. in the Mudd Hall Auditorium. This event, which celebrates Jesus's death and resurrection, is being directed by Ben Dorsey and will feature Hopkins Students from **Adoremus**, **Little Spark**, **Hopkins Christian Fellowship**, **Graduate Christian Fellowship**, **Gospel Choir**, and **Agape**. Admission is free. Refreshments (including pizza!) will be served. Contact Melissa Siberts (at 410-243-7188 or via e-mail at msiberts@jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu) or Zaven Kalayjian (at 410-662-1603 or via e-mail at zaven@olympus.ece) for more information.

Be prepared to laugh at "**Comedy Extravaganza**," a **HOP** and **DSAGA** co-sponsored event featuring **Kate Clinton** and **Michael Rasky**, at 8 p.m. in the Shriver Auditorium. Tickets, which cost \$4 for students with identification and \$15 for the general public, will be available both before the show at any other "Pride and Prejudice" event and at the door. Student tickets are limited. Contact Karen at 410-516-4088 to reserve tickets or for more information.

OFF CAMPUS

"**Visualizations of Genomic Properties: From ORFs to Pathways and Processes**," a Bioinformatics in Gene Discovery and Analysis seminar with Terry Gaasterland, from the University of Chicago, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on the East Baltimore campus in 517 PCTB. Sponsored by the Biomedical Information Sciences and the Genome Database.

Fletchers of Fells Points hosts **Love**

Nut with Evelyn Forever. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations. Call 410-481-SEAT to charge tickets. Call 410-880-8124 for more information.

The **New Haven Lounge** hosts **Jump Street** at 9:30 p.m. Call 410-366-7416 for more information.

Eight by Ten in Federal Hill hosts **Juggling Suns** with **Bare Feet & Company**. Tickets are available at the club, through Ticket Master, or by calling 410-481-SEAT. Call 410-625-2000 for more information.

The **Rec Room** in Towson hosts NYC disco band **Boogie Fever**. Call 410-337-7178 for more information.

Brass Monkey in Fells Point hosts alternarock bands **Betty in Black**, **Pinfold**, and **Margret Heater**. You must be 21 or older to attend. There is a \$3 summer cover charge. Call the concert line at 410-522-0784 for more information.

CALENDAR

April 9 to 16

guests will be Korean adoptees from Catholic Charities. The entertainment showcase includes: A traditional Korean Fan Dance (much like that performed at Culturefest), a fashion show of various Korean styles of dress and a featured talent show from KSA members. Throughout the night there will also be door prizes; You will automatically be entered into the raffle with your admission ticket. So remember, make Saturday the 11th your Korean night for April's Asian month here at Hopkins. Regular price tickets are \$12 from April 8th-10th. Buy your ticket early to reserve your place at the premier Korean Cultural

all Ticketmaster locations. Call 410-481-SEAT to charge tickets. Call 410-880-8124 for more information.

Monday, April 13

ON CAMPUS

Run-Off Elections for class officers are today and tomorrow. The Board of Elections is hoping for a successful, high turn-out election. The voting process is by paper ballots only,

Spotlight:
"Why was Jesus Hanging on a Tree?"

Attend the musical drama "**Why was Jesus Hanging on a Tree?**" at 7:30 p.m. in Mudd Hall Auditorium. This event, directed by Mr. Benedict Dorsey, founder and director of Benediction Production, Inc., celebrates Jesus' death and resurrection. The musical will feature Hopkins students from:

Adoremus
Agape Campus Ministry
Gospel Choir
Graduate Christian Fellowship
Hopkins Christian Fellowship,
Little Spark Campus Ministry

Admission is free. Refreshments (including pizza) will be served. Contact either Melissa Siberts at 410-243-7188 for more information (e-mail at msiberts@jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu) or Zaven Kalayjian at 410-662-1603 (e-mail at zaveri@olympus.ece.)

Saturday, April 11

ON CAMPUS

Participate in the Homewood campus's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** from 10 a.m. to noon in the Decker Garden in front of the Hopkins Club. The Easter Bunny will be present. Refreshments, games, and prizes for children will be provided. This event, which is being sponsored by the **Johns Hopkins International Society**, is free and open to the entire Hopkins community. Call 410-955-3370 for more information.

Join a group of environmental enthusiasts to clean up the **Stoney Run natural park** which runs along side campus and convert this area into a plan which can be used by everyone as a hiking, walking, and biking pathway. Contact Guy Hollyday at 410-366-6827 for more information.

The **JHU Chess Club** is sponsoring a **Championship Tournament** open to students, faculty, and staff. Championship and runners-up trophies will be awarded. Registration is from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. in Levering's Sherwood Room. Everyone will play 4 rounds (which start at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.), games in 25 minutes. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$2 entry fee.

E-Level hosts **Everything** with **Elephant Boy**. Call 410-516-6219 for advance tickets and more information.

The **JHU Modern Dance Company** **Annual Concert** will be held at 8:00 p.m. in Shriver Hall. Tickets are \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. For questions, call Cindy at 410-467-7561 or e-mail her at cindyp@jhu.edu.

Do you like the festive flavors of Korean food? Do you want to enjoy vibrant cultural performances, such as the fan dance? Come and celebrate Asian month at the Korean Students Association's **premier Cultural Banquet!** This extravaganza of Korean Culture and fine foods will be held on the evening of Saturday, April 11, 1998 at the George Peabody Library. Everyone is invited to attend, however there will be a limited supply of tickets so please buy early. Our special

Banquet.

OFF CAMPUS

Fletchers of Fells Points hosts **Brownie Mary**. Doors open at 9 p.m. Call 410-880-8124 for more information.

The **New Haven Lounge** hosts **Jump Street** at 9:30 p.m. Call 410-366-7416 for more information.

Eight by Ten in Federal Hill hosts **The Gibb Droll Band** with **Burlap to Cashmere**. Tickets are available at the club, through Ticket Master, or by calling 410-481-SEAT. Call 410-625-2000 for more information.

The **Rec Room** in Towson hosts **No Pets for Noah**. Call 410-337-7178 for more information.

Brass Monkey in Fells Point hosts alternative bands **Zoothead**, **NUMBER**, and **The IO's**. You must be 21 or older to attend. There is a \$3 summer cover charge. Call the concert line at 410-522-0784 for more information.

Sunday, April 12

ON CAMPUS

A **Religious Observance for Easter Sunday Mass** will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Levering's Glass Pavilion.

An **Easter Dinner** in Religious Observance will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Newman House.

Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma and his son are giving a "**Santoor**" recital at 6:30 p.m. in Shriver Auditorium. Admission is free. Children under 10 will not be allowed to attend. Contact Umang Anand via e-mail at umang@jhu.edu or at 410-516-5427 or 410-889-5620 for more information.

Attend **Movie Night** at 8 p.m. and watch "**Love! Valour! Compassion!**" Contact Karen at 410-516-4088 for more information.

OFF CAMPUS

Fletchers of Fells Points hosts **Skinnerbox** with **Inspector 7**. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at

and you can vote by the **AMR II Snack Bar** (noon to 7 p.m.), in Wolman Lobby (noon to 7 p.m.), at Levering Market (noon to 7 p.m.), at Gilman Coffee Shop (10 a.m. to noon), or on M or Q Levels of the MSE Library (7 p.m. to 10 p.m.). Contact Scott Harris at 410-516-3600 or Winjie Tang at 410-516-3887 for more information.

The **David Bodian Seminar** in Neuroscience "**Cellular Basis of Network Dynamics in the Mammalian Visual System**" by **David McCormick**, from Yale University, School of Medicine, will be held at 4:00 p.m. in 341 Krieger.

"**Conjugated Porphyrin Polymers: From Molecular Wires to LED's**," a Chemistry colloquium with **Wayne Jones**, from SUNY Binghamton, will be held at 4:15 p.m. in 233 Remsen.

Attend a lecture given by **Simon Levay** at 7 p.m. in the Glass Pavilion. A catered reception will follow. Contact Karen at 410-516-4088 for more information.

DSAGA presents "**Love! Valour! Compassion!**" part of the "Pride and Prejudice: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Realities in the Nineties," series, at 8:00 p.m. in Shaffer 3.

Voice your opinions about the recent **Strategic Study of the JSA** with **David Raphael**, the **Director of Hillel of Greater Baltimore**, at 7 p.m. in **Levering's Sherwood Room**. Stop by the K (basement of AMR I) for a copy of the study.

OFF CAMPUS

"**The Promises and Pitfalls of a Cohort Study of Skiing Injuries Conducted on the Internet**," a Center for Injury Research and Policy Seminar with **Jeff Hadley**, will be held at 12:15 p.m. on the East Baltimore campus in 250 Hampton House.

"**Reduced Fertility and Duration of HIV Infection in American Women**," a Population Center STD seminar with **Lisa Lee**, will be held at 12:15 p.m. on the East Baltimore campus in W2030 SHPH.

New Approaches to Cancer Therapy 1998, Section 1: Prevention of Cancer—"Genetic and Environmental Risk Factors in Breast Cancer Point to Strategies for Prevention and Intervention," by **James Yager**, will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the East Balti-

more campus in 119 Oncology.

Tuesday, April 14

ON CAMPUS

Run-Off Elections for class officers are today and tomorrow. The Board of Elections is hoping for a successful, high turn-out election. The voting process is by paper ballots only, and you can vote by the **AMR II Snack Bar** (noon to 7 p.m.), in Wolman Lobby (noon to 7 p.m.), at Levering Market (noon to 7 p.m.), or at Gilman Coffee Shop (10 a.m. to noon). Contact Scott Harris at 410-516-3600 or Winjie Tang at 410-516-3887 for more information.

OFF CAMPUS

Peabody alumna and rising young

periments pose to society. Admission is free. Contact the Office of Special Events at 410-516-7157 for more information.

1998-1999 JSA Executive Board Elections will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the K (basement of AMR I) from 11 a.m.

OFF CAMPUS

The **New Haven Lounge** hosts a **Blues and BBQ Party with Big Jesse Yawn** beginning at 8 p.m. Call 410-366-7416 for more information.

Fletchers of Fells Points hosts **Tree with Scissorfight**. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations. Call 410-481-SEAT to charge tickets. Call 410-880-8124 for more information.

Eight by Ten in Federal Hill hosts **Ominous Seapods with Sour Mash Project**. Tickets are available at the club, through Ticket Master, or by calling 410-481-SEAT. Call 410-625-2000 for more information.

Thursday, April 16

ON CAMPUS

Attend an informational meeting from noon to 1 p.m. in Levering Hall, Room 200, and find out what the **G.H.C.C. Adult Literacy Program**, Baltimore city's model program, is all about **April 16, 1998 - Noon to 1 p.m.** Hear from tutors and students who are involved in the program as well as the staff. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend. Call 410-516-4777 for more information.

OFF CAMPUS

Contrabass students and the Peabody Singers perform at noon in Peabody's Friedberg Concert Hall at part of Peabody's Thursday Noon Series. Contact the Peabody Box Office at 410-659-8124 for more information.

Eight by Ten in Federal Hill hosts **Disco Biscuits** with **Ghost Box**. Tickets are available at the club, through Ticket Master, or by calling 410-481-SEAT. Call 410-625-2000 for more information.

Ongoing Events

Celebrate the end of **Student Employee Week** through Saturday, April 11.

In an effort to make the University a highly productive, supportive and inclusive place of work, **Audrey Smith, Vice President for Human Resources**, encourages you to share your ideas, provide feedback and suggestions regarding human resources policies and programs by use of her "Open Office Hours" the second Thursday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Wyman Park Building, Room 617N.

Giant Foods will be conducting **Diabetes Tours** throughout April and May. The tour will be led by a registered dietician. There is a fee involved, although a portion of it goes to benefit the **American Diabetes Foundation**. Contact Giant for more information.

The **Office of Community Relations & Volunteer Services** is collecting the grey paper food trays from Levering Hall. Save your clean trays and recycle them by bringing them to the office through the month of May. These trays will be used for a children's field day sponsored by a neighboring community association who has limited funding and will rely on these trays to serve food on the day of the event. Call 410-516-4777 for more information.

Campus Notes

Teach Baltimore is seeking energetic students interested in teaching in a **Baltimore City Summer Academic Program** from June 3rd to August 14th. Positions for a two-summer commitment are still available for students ages 17 to 25. Receive a \$1000 stipend per summer plus \$2300 toward loans or tuition from Civic Works AmeriCorps upon completion of the second summer. Students of all majors are encouraged to apply. Applications, which are available from Levering's Office of Volunteer Services, are due soon. Contact Jody

Kaplan at 410-516-1005 (dial 113-1005 from the Homewood campus) for more information.

The JHU Alumni Association supports students who create their own volunteer community service projects as well as student groups that need funding for programs and events. The next deadline for **Community Service Grant funding and Student Services Funding** is April 15, 1998. Applications will be accepted for summer (Community Service only) and fall '98 projects and are available at the Steinwald Alumni House (3211 N. Charles Street) or at the divisional alumni offices. Contact the alumni representative at each division or Rebecca Barnes at rebeccab@jhu.edu or 410-516-6333 for more information.

The German Society of Maryland is offering scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students of German ancestry residing in Maryland. Qualifications include a minimum GPA of 3.0 and at least two completed semesters of study. Special consideration will be given to students who are studying the German language or the culture of German speaking countries. Students must file the Princeton Financial Aid Form in order to qualify. Write to the German Society of Maryland at P.O. Box 22585, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-4585 or call the Society at 410-865-0450 for an application. The application deadline is April 15.

The Office of Benefits Administration is sponsoring a 5 week series about **Weight Management Class** Mondays from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in Levering's Sherwood Room from April 18 to May 20, 1998. The course, which will be taught Registered Dietician and Nutritionist Sue James, will discuss healthy eating, balancing carbohydrates and proteins, exercise and more. The class, which costs \$15, is open to all Hopkins faculty and staff. There is no food to buy. Call 410-516-0450 for more information.

The Austin Film Festival is currently accepting entries in its 1998 **Screenplay Competition and Film Competition**. Winners in the screenplay categories (adult and family) receive the **Heart of Film Bronzed Award**, \$4,000 cash, a trip to the Screenwriters Conference, and the opportunity to participate in a year-long mentorship program with the industry's leading screenwriters. Entry postmark deadline for this competition is **May 15, 1998**. All finalists in the film competition categories (feature, short and student short) participate in the festival. Feature film winners receive \$750; short and student short film winners receive \$500. The entry deadline for this competition is August 7, 1998. Contact Marsha Milam at 512-478-4795 or via e-mail at austinfilm@aol.com, Jill McGuckin at 512-478-0578, or check out <http://www.austinfilmfestival.org> for more information.

Civic Works, an AmeriCorps Program, is currently recruiting tutors and mentors for **September** openings. Earn a living allowance (\$8340 per year for full-time work) and an education stipend of up to \$4725 while tutoring children at local Police Ath-

letic League Centers. Afternoon and evening hours will be available. Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25, have experience and interest working with children, be able to pass a police background check, and have a minimum of one-year college experience. Contact Civic Works at 410-366-8533 to fill out an application and for more information.

The Baltimore Alumni Chapter is offering **free tickets** to some of its alumni events as part of a new alumni-student interaction initiative. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact **Korkud Egrican** at 410-516-0363 or via e-mail at korkud@jhu.edu for more information.

Students are needed to **tutor high school and middle school students** from the surrounding community schools. The **Community Affairs Committee of Student Council** is in the process of establishing a database of available Hopkins students from which to offer tutors. If you are interested in tutoring, e-mail Karen Shahar at khs1@jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu to let her know what subject you would be interested in tutoring. As parents call, you will be contacted by the **Office of Volunteer Services** with the name and phone number of the tutee. No Hopkins student's name and phone number will be given to the tutee. The Hopkins tutor is responsible for contacting his/her tutee and setting up meeting hours. All tutoring will be conducted on the Homewood campus.

A new **comprehensive overview of Johns Hopkins** is now available in a single booklet. It's perfect for use in recruiting faculty, staff, and students, orienting visitors, and providing background about the university to anyone who might need it. The 28-page, four-color booklet, called simply "The Johns Hopkins University," includes historical information, a brief look at the entire institution, and details about the nine principal divisions. There are interesting "factoids" and statistical "fast facts," and coverage of the university's libraries, international campuses, and academic centers and institutes. There is also a section on The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System. Copies are available for \$2.50 each, and the minimum order is 10 copies. For orders of 50-99 copies, the price is \$2.25 per copy; for orders of 100 or more, \$2 per copy. Contact Alicia Campbell or Gayle Hunter at 410-516-7109 for a sample copy. To place an order, complete an M&S form and either send it to Overview Booklet, Communications and Public Affairs, Homewood campus or fax it to 410-516-5251. Please include your name, campus address, phone number, the quantity you are ordering, and a budget number to be charged. Your order will be sent through campus mail, unless you request otherwise.

Operation Smile is a volunteer medical services organization which raises funds in order for physicians to donate their time and skills to perform reconstructive surgery on children with facial and functional deformities. Students may have the opportunity to view surgery and assist in patient care, as well as fundraising.

Contact Laura Santos at 410-467-2461 or e-mail Cara Grimes at cara@jhu.edu for more information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! **Healthcare for the Homeless** needs volunteers for a project. They are in the process of writing up a final report for a Grant they have from **The Centers for Substance Abuse Treatment**. Healthcare for the Homeless runs Abuse Counseling Groups and would like volunteers to interview members of the Group and get information on their experiences. Volunteers would interview clients and write responses to be included in the final report. Please donate several hours of your time for this worthwhile project. It would be a way to gain some experience with the work that Healthcare for the Homeless does. Additionally, you will almost certainly learn something new about the process of implementing a Grant. Contact Monica Heuer at 410-516-0491 for more information.

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by Hosan Lee

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The Apostle (7:15)
Ma Vie En Rose (9:15)
I Walked With A Zombie (Sat 11:30, Mon 7:30)

R/C's Eastpoint Movies 10: 284-3100

Lost In Space (10:30, 1:00, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10)
Mercury Rising (11:40, 2:45, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40)
Grease (11:20, 1:50, 4:10, 6:25, 9:20)
The Newton Boys (11:10, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10)
Meet The Deedles (10:45, 1:20, 3:30, 7:30)
The Man In The Iron Mask (10:30)
Primary Colors (11:50, 2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 10:50)
Wild Things (11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00)
U.S. Marshals (10:20, 1:10, 3:40, 7:00, 9:40)
Good Will Hunting (10:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7:40, 10:20)
Titanic (10:00, 2:00, 6:00, 9:50)

Rotunda: 235-1800

A Price Above Rubies (2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30)
The Real Blonde (2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00)

Senator: 435-8338

Titanic (12 noon, 4:00, 8:00)

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Good Will Hunting (12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30)
Barney's Great Adventure (12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:10)
Meet The Deedles (12:20, 2:40, 4:55)
The Big Lebowski (9:10)

United Artists Harbor Park: 837-3500

The Player's Club (12:40, 1:40, 3:00, 4:00, 5:20, 6:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:00)
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your Horoscope



ARIES: (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)
Spice up your life. Fulfill your secret lifetime dream and buy skimpy cherry-flavored, edible underwear right now.



TAURUS: (APRIL 20-MAY 20)
Girls and guys of Virgo are yours now. Find one, lick your finger, wipe it on both your shirts, and say, "Why don't we get out of these wet clothes?"



GEMINI: (MAY 21-JUNE 20)
Show your true colors. Get really drunk and go into a photo booth with a member of the opposite sex. Get naked. Send the pictures home.



CANCER: (JUNE 21-JULY 22)
That voodoo doll you made of your roommate wasn't a very good idea. Don't worry, he may smell foul now, but next year he'll be gone.



LEO: (JULY 23-AUGUST 22)
Ten months is a long time to go without an active sex life. But it's all right. You will meet a special person on Tuesday. It's \$100 an hour.



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Mounds of fun are ahead this week. You'll find true love with someone of the opposite sex who wears a uniform. It is someone you see every day.



SCORPIO: (OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21)
Can we take you seriously? No, not anymore. You have gone too far. We found out that your significant other's last name is "@aol.com."



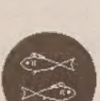
SAGITTARIUS: (NOVEMBER 22 - DEC. 21)
Make a move up in the world by taking a chance. When you're at Wolman or Terrace this week, go ahead and try the new beef-flavored chicken.



CAPRICORN: (DEC. 23 - JANUARY 19)
Talentless professors keep showing you up in class, even when you aren't there. Get your revenge by mooning your professor in the middle of lecture.



AQUARIUS: (JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18)
People have a hard time understanding your feelings. Share a moment with a special friend by telling about that contagious foot fungus.



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Last night I thought I heard my mother crying.

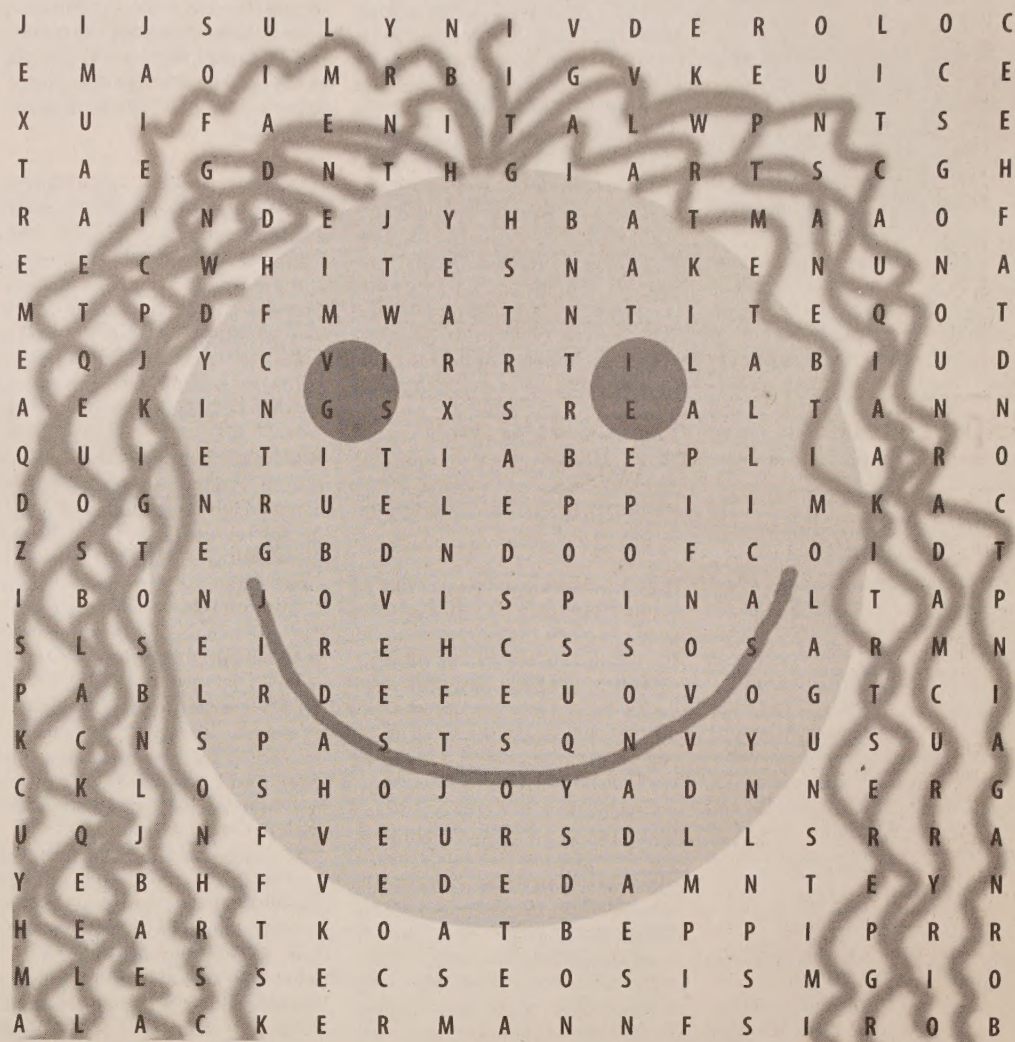
So I went into her bedroom. But she wasn't crying, she was praying.... "Please let Leold stay in karate classes."

I won't leave karate. I've learned a new move. My teacher Master Sony, taught me his favorite move.... .. kick your opponent in the knee, then throw a walkman at him.

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King's X
L.A. Guns
Metallica
Mr. Big
Nelson
- Poison
Quiet (Riot)
Spinal Tap
Twisted (Sister)
Whitesnake
- Bonus word:
Adam Curry

THE COFFEE QUIZ

Well, another week another trivia quiz. Nobody answered last week's quiz, hence no winner. With everyone working really hard, dealing with their midterms and homework assignments and such, everybody has probably picked up their coffee consumption. So, without further ado I now present the Coffee Quiz.

- 1) Coffee beans, as we all know, are dark brown. Well, at least after we roast them they are. In fact, they begin a different color. What color are coffee beans before they get roasted?
- 2) Coffee trees are quite similar to people in that they require a fair amount of time before they mature and can produce anything useful. Not that the young ones are worthless... Anyway, how long does it take before a coffee tree can produce its first crop?
- 3) When that little coffee tree finally does grow to maturity, it produces a startling amount of coffee in each year's crop. I am not going to say whether it is amazingly high or astonishingly low because that would give too much of a hint to the answer to the question: how much coffee does the average coffee tree produce in one crop?
- 4) As cool as Seattle-based Starbucks' Every-one-should-be-drinking-eight-cups-of-coffee-a-day-craze that is taking over our country is, there is no coffee actually grown in Seattle. Of course, this is obvious considering the fact that coffee requires a much warmer climate. Well,

- there is actually one state in the U.S. that commercially produces coffee; which state is it?
- 5) Coffee has become quite the commodity over the years. In fact, it is one of the most valuable commodities in the world. Seems unfortunate now that we can only grow it in one state. Anyway, there has to be a question here somewhere... oh yeah, name the only commodity that is more valuable than coffee?
 - 6) Now that we have strayed to the subject of coffee economics, it is interesting that although we barely produce any coffee we are the largest consumers of coffee in the entire world. What country is on the other side of the coin as the largest producer of coffee in the world?
 - 7) Well now that you know we are the largest consumer of coffee in the world, I am sure you are dying to find out how much coffee is consumed annually per person on average in the United States? This amount of coffee corresponds to four whole pounds of coffee beans.
 - 8) Why is it that we consume so much coffee? I'll answer that one. Many analysts attribute the beginning of coffee consumption to the tea tax that led to the Boston Tea Party. Americans began to drink coffee over tea at that point as a symbol of freedom from those darn oppressive tea peddling Brits. Anyway, what year was the tea tax passed that led to the beginning of the coffee boom in the United States?

- 9) As long as we are discussing the history of the coffee bean, what French historical figure professed that coffee should be served "black as the Devil, hot as hell, and as pure as an angel"?
- 10) A different French historical figure has a much stronger connection to the coffee produced around the world even today. This French monarch planted a coffee tree back in France from which it is thought all of the coffee trees in the West Indies, Mexico, Central America and South America are supposed to have originated. Who was this friend to caffeine addiction?
- 11) There are of course many different ways to enjoy your coffee. Between the number of different types of roasts and the fact that coffee mixes well with almost any flavor, it is possible to generate an infinite number of combinations. Some types of roasts are darker than others and some contain more caffeine than others. Which roasts contain more caffeine the light or the dark?
- 12) While on the subject of caffeine, what percentage of the total caffeine consumption in the United States can be attributed to our friend coffee?
- 13) Coffee can also be credited with the introduction of the term "tip" (gratuity) into the English language. It's true; in London coffeehouses, there were strategic boxes placed around the establishment which, on brass plaques, bore a simple three word phrase. The first letters of the

- words have since been condensed to give the word "tip" one of its current meanings. What phrase did the collection boxes have inscribed on them?
- 14) Many people do not enjoy the taste of coffee. Until I came here, I hated the stuff, but I always thought it had a very pleasant aroma. I am not the only person to enjoy the smell of coffee; in fact, it is one of only three foods whose smell is on the top ten list of recognizable aromas. Name the other two foods to share this honor.
 - 15) Coffee beans are not just good for making drinks. You can buy chocolate covered coffee beans, and they make quite a delicious little snack—of course you also get wired as hell. Anyway, in the 1880s, the second most common form of coffee consumption was in bean form. It was considered rude not to serve coffee beans to guests after dinner because they were thought to serve a specific purpose. What was the purpose of the coffee bean?
- The answers to last week's quiz are:
1) 1752; 2) 4950 because the heads face weighs more; 3) Pope Stephen II, 2 days, 752 he resigned; 4) 160; 5) 9, 4, 7 years; 6) 2 Hancock and Charles Thomson; 7) 40; 8) 31; 9) 3; 10) 31500; 11) 20 percent; 12) 3; 13) Maine; 14) 12; 15) 1.2 years; 16) The act or habit of estimating something as worthless.

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